

Rhyme Time

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Teach the child the hand signals:



Thumbs up



Thumbs down

2

Say a pair of words and encourage the child to respond:



If the words rhyme, the child turns their thumb up and says "**Rhyme Time!**".



If the words do not rhyme, the child turns their thumb down and say "**Next Time!**"

3

Repeat and have fun!

To change it up, let the child take a turn picking two words and you do the hand signals.

Tips:

- Start with simple, one-syllable words. Make them rhyme or not rhyme.
- You may prompt by asking, "Do these words rhyme?"
- Remind, if necessary, how to tell if two words rhyme (but only if you need to).
- If your friends are only beginning to understand rhyming and need help, lead them to the right answer by beginning to move your own thumbs toward up or down. Remind them of how you knew those words rhymed. ("They sound the same at the end when I say the word.") Emphasize the sounds at the end.

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