

Nursery Rhyme Home Experiences

(110 simple exercises similar to homework for 60 rhymes)

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A, B, C, D, E, F, G - The ABC Song

Kindergarten RF.K.1D

You might have a first name, a second name, and a third name. What letter does each name begin with? Listen to the song and raise your hand when you hear a letter one of your names begins with. Do you know the letters that begin the names of people in your family or friends or pets? Raise your hand when you know someone whose name begins with that letter.

Kindergarten

Can you start with the letter Z and write the letters of the alphabet backwards? Can you write your name backwards?

ABCDEFG

Pre-k, Kindergarten ELACCKRF1d

When you see the letters with the rhyme are they big capital letters or are the little lower case letters? Can you write the letters a different way? Can you say all the letters out loud? Can you say a skipping alphabet? Try saying one letter out loud, then the next letter silently in your head, the next out loud, the next silently, and see if you can do the whole alphabet while skipping one letter each time.

ABC Birds in the Tree

Kindergarten

The letter C rhymes with the word 'tree'. Write a list of the rhyming words and the letters these words rhyme with.

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1 ELACCKRL3

The main characters in the rhyme are animals. Can you name all the animals in the rhyme? Pick an animal to draw and draw the place where the animal is. The place is what we call the 'setting'. The setting tells us where something happens.

A Diller, A Dollar

Kindergarten

Scholar is an old fashioned word for student. Does 'scholar' sound a little bit like 'school'? What time are you supposed to come to school? What time do you think the child in the rhyme was supposed to come to school? What time did the child come? Can you tell how late the child was? Why do you think the child might have been late?

First Grade L.K.6

Can you draw two round clock faces on a piece of paper? On the first clock's face can you make the clock's hands point to 10:00? On the second clock's face can you make the clock's hands point to 10:00?

Bye Baby Bunting

Kindergarten ELACCKRF1 ELACCKRF2d

Find all the upper case 'B' letters and all the lower case 'b' letters. How many of each did you find? Can you think of other words that begin with a 'b' sound? Draw a picture of a word that begins with a 'b' sound.

Diddle Diddle Dumpling

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3, ELACCKRF2d, ELACCKRF3

Do you know another word that means the same as ‘trousers’? Have you ever gone to bed without taking off your stockings? Do you ever wear shoes without stockings? Why do you think people wear stockings? Can you find and write 3 words from the rhyme that have the letter “o” in them?

Ding Dong Bell

Kindergarten RL.K.3

Have you ever seen anyone use a bucket to pull up water from a well? Would you rather use a well or a faucet to get your water? Can you name any people in the rhyme? Who was put in the well? Who put her there? Who pulled her out? Can you draw a picture with the people in the rhyme and write a sentence about each person from the rhyme?

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKSL1, ELACCKSL3

Are Little Johnny Green and Little Tommy Stout the same in any way? How are they different? How did they treat the cat? What would you do if you found an animal that had been treated badly or hurt?

Eensy, Weensy Spider

Kindergarten

Do you know what the words ‘ensey weensy’ mean? What do you think they mean? Do you know what a water spout is? Many houses and buildings have gutters at the edge of the roof, long pieces of metal that are open on top for rain to drip from the roof when it rains; these connect to round tubes like very, very long empty cans to bring the rain water down to the ground. The bottom part where the rain comes out is called a spout. Why do you think the spider went up the water spout?

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3

Do you like spiders? What do spiders like to eat? What do spiders make? Why do spiders make them? Do you know how many legs a spider has? If not, maybe you can ask someone, or maybe you can count a spider’s legs in a picture. Draw your favorite part of the rhyme.

Kindergarten, First Grade RI.K.3

What happened when the spider climbed up the water spout? Why do you think the spider climbed up? Do you think the spider was thirsty? What happened to the spider when it rained? What happened when the sun came out? Do you think the spider was happy then? Why?

Elsie Marley

Kindergarten ELACCKRL9

The word ‘Fine’ can mean more than one thing. In this rhyme ‘fine’ has an old-fashioned meaning, that Elsie wants people to think she is much better than everyone else. What word rhymes with ‘fine’? Did you know ‘swine’ is another word for ‘pig’? Why do you think Elsie wouldn’t feed the swine? Can you think of more than one reason?

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKSL6

What do you think pigs or swine might say or suggest to Elsie to help her get up in time to feed them? What might the pigs or swine do if Elsie still doesn’t get up to feed them. What would you do when you’re hungry if no one would get up to feed you?

Father Gander

Kindergarten, First Grade RL.K.9

How is Father Goose like Mother Goose? How are they different? Do they do the same things? Do they ride the same kind of goose?

Go to Bed Late, Stay Very Small

Kindergarten

Would you rather be small or tall? Why did you make that choice? How small or tall would you like to be? Why? Draw a picture of an animal that is very small and a picture of an animal that is very tall. Why do you think it's better for one animal to be very small and better for another animal to be very tall?

Pre-k, Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKRL3

How late do you usually go to bed? What do you do when you stay up late? How early do you usually get up? Do you get a little bit smaller or a little bit taller every day? Do the grown-ups you know get a little bit smaller or a little bit taller every day? Is it the same with pets?

Hickory, Dickory, Dare

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3

Have you ever seen a real live pig? Where would you go if you wanted to see a live pig? Have you ever seen a pig in the air? Can you imagine how the pig got there? Draw a picture of a pig in the air.

Kindergarten, First Grade W.K.2

How did the pig get in the sky? Where was the pig? Did the kite fly really high in the sky? Who had to get the kite down?

Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Kindergarten W.K.8

What did the mouse climb? What time was it? Why do you think the mouse ran down?

Kindergarten SL.K.6

In the picture, is the clock bigger or is the mouse bigger? Do you think the face of the clock is scary? Do you think it scared the mouse? Do you think the mouse is afraid of anything else?

Kindergarten

Can you draw a clock face? Draw a circle, or trace a circle around the bottom of a cup. Put a 12 at the top inside the circle and a 6 at the bottom inside the circle. Put a 3 half way up on the far right side inside the circle. Put a 9 half way up on the far left side of the circle. Now write in the missing numbers. Make a point at the very center of the circle. Draw a long arrow straight up to point to the 12. Draw an arrow almost as long to point to the one. Now the clock says one o'clock. Draw a mouse wherever you like.

Hot Cross Buns

Kindergarten RL.K.2

Did you know buns are a kind of bread? People make bread when they cook or bake dough. In the store people can buy packages with soft, damp dough to put in the oven and bake for a few minutes to make buns. If they use a knife to mark an x or a plus sign or a cross on the dough then the cooked bun can be a hot cross bun. Can you pretend to make hot cross buns and put them on a tray and carry them around and sell them? Without saying the rhyme ask a grown-up or friend to watch you and see if they can guess what you're doing. Then pretend again while you say the words of the rhyme and see if they understand.

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKSL2

Where would be a good place to buy hot cross buns? How did they get hot? If you could make and sell something what would it be? Write or draw what you would like to make and sell.

Hush Little Baby

Pre-k, Kindergarten RK.K.2 ELACCKSL5

The rhyme can be sung as a lullaby. Grown-ups use lullabies to help babies and children fall asleep.

How do you feel when you hear a lullaby? Why do you think lullabies help young children fall asleep? What rhymes with the word 'word'? What word rhymes with 'sing'? What word rhymes with 'brass'? What word rhymes with 'broke'? What word rhymes with 'pull'? What word rhymes with 'over'? What word rhymes with 'bark'? What word rhymes with 'down'? Can you name all the different gifts Poppa will buy for the child? Can you draw pictures of the gifts?

I Love Little Kitty

Pre-k, Kindergarten ELACCKSL2 ELACCKSL5

What kind of person is the little girl in the poem? Does she seem mean or angry or afraid? Why or why not? Do you think she will be nice to the kitty? What do you think the little kitty would do if the little girl was mean to the kitty? What do you think the little girl would do if the kitty bit her or scratched her?

I'm a Little Tea Pot

Kindergarten, First Grade RL.K.5 ELACCKRF2a

What would a handle on a teapot look like? What word rhymes with 'out'? What's the name for the part of a teapot where tea is supposed to pour out? When you listen to the poem can you move your hands and arms to make a handle and to make a spout? What could you do to show the meaning of the words "tip me over and pour me out"? Can you think of more than one way to move your body to show what the teapot words mean?

I See the Moon

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3, ELACCKL1d

When can you watch the moon? Have you ever heard someone say that some kind of old person is in the moon? Have you ever wished upon the moon? Have you ever wished upon a star? People sometimes say the moon looks like a face. Do you think the moon sometimes looks like a face? Can you draw different shapes the moon can have on different nights?

Kindergarten, First Grade

Have you ever looked hard at the moon? How did it look? Did you think it---or something on it---might be looking back at you? If so, what would it see you doing?

Jack Be Nimble

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3, ELACCKL1d

Why do you think Jack jumped over the candle? What do you think Jack might jump over next? Have you ever jumped over something? Why did you jump? How high did you jump? Draw something you might want to jump over.

Kindergarten SL.K.4

'Nimble' means being able to move in lots of different directions quickly and not stumble or fall down. What would you think is more nimble, a turtle or a squirrel? What do you think would be more nimble, a cat or a cow? Does Jack wear his pajamas in the picture? Was Jack supposed to be in bed? Is it safe to jump over a candle? Why do you think Jack was jumping so quickly?

Jack and Jill

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3, , ELACCKL1d

Jack and Jill went up the hill. Why did they go up the hill? Something made Jack fall down. What do you think caused Jack to fall down? Can you think of a reason Jill fell down?

Kindergarten, First Grade S.L.K.4

Who took care of Jack and Jill after they fell? What did Jill do when she saw Jack with a bandage?

Kindergarten

Ask a grownup for some old junk mail or catalogs that have pictures you can cut out. Cut out a picture of a boy and a picture of a girl and a picture of a house. Fold or crumple some of the paper to make a hill. With your fingers help the paper picture Jack and the paper picture Jill climb up the hill, then let them tumble down. Then move them to the house where a grown-up can put a bandage on the top of Jack's broken head.

Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, Where Have You Been?

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKRL1 ELACCKRL9

Does anything in the rhyme seem pretend instead of real? Why do you think so? Would you like to have a cat that could talk? What would you talk about? Would you tell other people your cat could talk or would you keep it a secret? Why? Does the rhyme remind you of something else that you have seen?

Ladybird, Ladybird

Pre-k, Kindergarten ELACCKRL3 ELACCKSL6

Where do you think a ladybird (or ladybug) lives? Draw a home for the ladybird.

Kindergarten

Look at the ladybird in the picture. Have you ever seen a real ladybird or ladybug, or held one on your finger? They are small, even smaller than your smallest fingernail. How many ways is the 'Ladybird' rhyme different from the 'Ladybug' rhyme?

Little Boy Blue

Kindergarten

The sheep are in the meadow? A meadow is a big field that is mostly just grass, sometimes with a few bushes or trees. What do you think the sheep are doing in the meadow? What do you think the cows are doing in the corn?

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3, ELACCKRF2a

Little Boy Blue is sleeping. He needs to wake up and blow his horn. Can you think of a reason why he should blow his horn? Can you name a word that rhymes with horn? One kind of horn people can blow. Can you think of another kind of horn? Does a cow or bull sometimes have a horn?

Kindergarten, First Grade RI.K.1

Why do you think the child was named Little Boy Blue? Where did he fall asleep? What do you think he was doing before he fell asleep? Do you think he was supposed to do anything with the animals? What do you think will happen when he wakes up?

Little Jack Horner

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKRL2

Why do you think Jack sat in the corner? Do you think someone made him sit there? Do you think he was in time out? What do you think he did while he was sitting there? Pretend you are Jack and act out the poem as you say it.

Little Miss Muffet

Kindergarten RL.K.3

What does 'Muffet' rhyme with? Did you know 'tuffet' is an old word for a low seat or for a footstool that people sitting on a chair can rest their feet on? Did you know the food called 'cottage cheese' is made from milk, and curds are the lumpy part, and whey is the watery part of cottage cheese? Can you make a spider from things you find in the home--paper or strings or wires or something else? Make a spider and ask someone to pretend to be Little Miss Muffet. Sit by the person, say the rhyme, and pretend to frighten the person so the person will run away.

Kindergarten ELACCKSL2, ELACCKSL4, ELACCKSL5

Where do you think Miss Muffet went after the spider scared her? Write a sentence or draw a picture about where you think Miss Muffet went.

Little Nanny Etticoat

Kindergarten SL.K.4 SL.K.5

Did you know the rhyme is a kind of riddle or puzzle? Do you remember the rhyme about what Jack jumped over? The red nose might be something that burns---what might that be? Why does Nanny Etticoat get shorter? Does something burn down? Can you change some of the words in the poem? Can you change the color of her petticoat and the color of her nose? Can you change the word telling how she stands or the word describing how she grows? Can you say the new rhyme?

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKRF2a

The rhyme is a riddle. Can you figure out some more riddles? Each answer rhymes with 'nose'. Write or draw the answer to each riddle question.

1. Most people have ten of these. [toes]
2. You wear these things every day. [clothes]
3. You water grass and flowers with a garden what? [hose]
4. One kind of pretty flower is a what? [rose]
5. After rainstorms we sometimes see rain what? [bows]

Little Polly Flinders

Kindergarten ELACCKRL7

Cinders are still warm ashes left over from a fire. Why was Polly sitting in the cinders? What word rhymes with 'caught her'? What word rhymes with 'toes'? What did Polly spoil?

First Grade L.K.1c

Why was Polly's mother mad? Can you think of a time a grown-up was mad when you got your clothes dirty? What did the grown-up do? What might Polly's mother have done that would have been nicer than whipping little Polly? What word could you use instead of 'spoiling'? Can you say the poem using new words in place of the words 'whipped' and 'spoiled'? Do you like the old rhyme better or the new rhyme better? Why?

Little Tommy Tittlemouse

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3

How many different kinds of fish can you name? Have you ever gone fishing?

Think about what kind of house you live in. Now think about what kind of house Tommy Tittlemouse might live in. Draw Tommy Tittlemouse's house and show where he goes fishing.

Kindergarten SL.K.5

Where did Little Tommy live? What did he like to do? How many fish do you think he could catch in a ditch? How many different kinds of fish can you name? Can you think of a better place for him to fish? Draw a picture of a good place for Tommy to fish.

Little Tom Tucker

Kindergarten

What word rhymes with 'wife'? Tom Tucker's first and last names begin with what letter? Do any other words in the rhyme begin with that letter? Can you find a word in the rhyme that begins with a letter that doesn't use the sound the letter makes?

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKRF2b

Do you know what a syllable is? A syllable is a chunk of a word where you make a little bit of a start and stop. 'Mom' has just one syllable. 'Mother' has two syllables. 'Grandmother' has three syllables. When you say the words can you clap when you hear each syllable? Can you clap once for each syllable when you hear the first part of 'Little Tom Tucker'?

London Bridge is Falling Down

First Grade RI.K.7

What problem does London Bridge have? What do you think could cause the bridge to fall down? What will they use to rebuild and repair the bridge? If they build a new bridge, draw what you would like the new bridge to look like.

Lucy Lockett

Pre-K, Kindergarten ELACCKSL4, ELACCKSL5

What do you think Lucy had in her pocket? Draw some things that you keep in your pocket. Have you ever lost anything from your pocket? What was it? Did you find it? Kindergarten

L.K.1c L.K.2 Do you know how sometimes people wear a locket? In the rhyme do you think 'pocket' might be an old-fashioned way to say 'pocketbook' or 'purse'? Can you change Lucy Lockett's name with your name or someone else's name and say the rhyme that new way? Which rhyme do you like better?

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Kindergarten

Does 'little' have one 'L' sound or two? Does 'lamb' have one 'L' sound or two? What other words in the rhyme have an 'L' sound?

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3

Mary had a pet lamb. Do you have a pet? Would you like to have a pet lamb? What do you think a pet lamb would eat? If Mary didn't have a pet lamb, what pet might she like to have? Draw a picture of Mary's lamb.

Kindergarten, First Grade RI.K.7

What did Mary's lamb do? Why do you think the lamb followed Mary all the time? Do you think it was OK for Mary to take the lamb to school? Do you think the lamb was a good pet? Why? What do you think Mary and the lamb did after school? Draw a picture of Mary and the lamb after school.

Mistress Mary

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3

Mary had a beautiful flower garden. Have you ever planted flowers? How many different kinds of flowers can you name? Draw what you think one of Mary's flowers would look like.

Mistress Mary, Quite Contrary

Kindergarten SL.K.5

What does Mary look like? Can you describe her hair, her face, her age, her clothing? Can you describe anything else about her? If you could completely change the picture, how might you make Mary look different? Can you draw or color a picture of a different Mary and different flowers?

Kindergarten

Have you ever tried to say exactly what someone else says at exactly the same time? This is sometimes called speaking in unison or choral reading. Try it with a friend or grown-up at home or maybe you can phone a friend and try it. Ask someone to speak this rhyme while you say the same words at the same time.

Monday's Child - Days of the Week

First Grade RL.K.2

The rhyme says Tuesday's child is full of what? The rhyme says Friday's child is 'what' and 'what'? What kind of child is Sunday's child? What kind of child would you like to be?

First Grade RI.K.3

Can you count how many children the rhyme talks about? Which day's child is loving? Which day's child is smart? Which day's child will go far? Which child would you want to be like?

Old King Cole

Kindergarten

A drum is one kind of instrument to make music and a fiddle is another. A fiddle player is called a fiddler. How many fiddlers did the king call for? How many drums did the king call for? How many musical instruments can you name? What is your favorite musical instrument? Could you make a new kind of musical instrument? Draw a picture of your favorite musical instrument or a picture of one you would like to invent.

Kindergarten ELACCKL6

The king calls for things three different times. Can you remember what he calls for? With your hands can you show how to use the three different things or what the three different things are for? If you were a king or queen would you ask for these things or for different things. Pretend you're the king or queen and say the rhyme asking for different foods or toys or people or clothes or animals or something else.

Old Mother Hubbard

Kindergarten ELACCKRL7, ELACCKRL10, ELACCKL1d

Old Mother Hubbard could not find her dog a bone. What do you think that she will do to find her dog something to eat? What kind of dog do you think Old Mother Hubbard had? How many different kinds of dog can you name?

Kindergarten R.1.K.7

What did Old Mother Hubbard want to get for her dog? What kinds of bones have you seen? Can you name some kinds of animals that don't have bones? Do you know what the word 'none' means? Why do you think people say 'none' instead of 'not one'?

One Misty Morning

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3, ELACCKL1d

What word rhymes with 'leather'? What word rhymes with 'again'? What does the sky look like when it might rain? What should you wear or carry outside when it might rain? Draw something that you would do inside or outside on a cloudy day.

One, Two Buckle My Shoe

Kindergarten

Do your shoes have buckles? Do you ever buckle your shoe? Can you tie your shoelaces? Do you ever wear slippers or boots without buckles or laces? Why do shoes have laces? Do you ever wear anything that has a buckle?

Kindergarten ELACCKRF2a

One, two buckle my shoe. 'Shoe' rhymes with 'two'. What number word rhymes with 'door'? What number word rhymes with 'sticks'? What number word rhymes with 'gate'? What number word rhymes with 'hen'?

Kindergarten RI.K1

If you pretend to do what the rhyme says, show what you would do for one, two. Show what you would do for three, four. Show what you would do for five, six. Show what you would do for seven, eight. What animal rhymes with 'ten'?

One, Two, Three, Four

Kindergarten ELACCKW2

Do you like cherries? Have you ever eaten cherry pie? Or cherry jelly? Or eaten cherries in ice cream? Do you think cherries come from flowers or bushes or trees? Draw cherries on a plate. Count and write how many there are on the plate.

One, Two, Three, Four, Five, I Caught a Mouse Alive!

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKRL1 ELACCKRL7

Look at the picture. What do you think is happening? Why do you think this? What parts of the picture make you think this?

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKSL2, ELACCKSL5

In the rhyme the person caught the mouse alive but then let it go again. Why do you think the person let the mouse go? What else might someone do with a mouse? If you wanted to catch a mouse what would you do? Would you build a mouse trap? What kind? What would you do with the mouse if you caught it?

Kindergarten K.L.5b

Can you make flash cards for the numbers and words one, two, three, four, five? Lay the cards out on the table or floor face up in mixed up order. While you listen to the rhyme pick up the correct number card or number word card to match the number you hear. Keep the cards to use to practice the numbers and number words.

Pease Porridge Hot

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKSL1, ELACCKSL5

Pease porridge is thick pea soup with very little water in it. Have you ever eaten pea soup? Do you think you would like it? Would you rather eat it hot or cold? Have you ever eaten anything that has been left in a pot for nine days? How many different words in the rhyme begin with the letter 'p'?

Peter Piper

Kindergarten, First Grade

Can you count how many words in the poem begin with a 'P' sound? What other things could Peter pick that begin with a 'P' sound? Can you name five new things that begin with 'P'? What could Peter do with these new things?

Kindergarten, First Grade RI.K.3

The peppers in the rhyme aren't like pepper in a pepper shaker. The rhyme's peppers are about as big as an apple and hollow inside. A peck is about the same size as two gallons of milk. How many peppers do you think pepper would have to pick to make a peck? Do you think Peter could carry that many peppers? Why?

Peter Pumpkin Eater

Kindergarten ELACCKRF2a

Can you find one more word that rhymes with 'well' and 'shell'? How small would a person need to be to fit inside a pumpkin shell? If you couldn't make a house out of it, what would you like to do with a pumpkin shell?

Kindergarten, First Grade W.K.8

Whom did Peter put in the pumpkin shell? Why do you think Peter used a pumpkin shell? What did Peter's wife teach him? Is it important to read? Give two reasons. Is it important to write? Give two Reasons.

Ring Around the Roses

Kindergarten, First Grade RF.K.2a

Sometimes children make a circle, sing the rhyme, and walk around in a circle. What do you think they do after the rhyme says, 'ashes, ashes'? What do you think they do after they sing about the daisies?

Rock-a-bye-baby

Kindergarten ELACCKSL6

When this rhyme is sung as a lullaby it is sung slowly. Try to sing it very fast. Does that change the feeling of the rhyme or song? Do you think singing it faster would help a baby fall to sleep faster? Why or why not?

Kindergarten

How many words in the poem begin with a 'B'? If you can write words, make a list of these words. Pick a word that begins with 'B' or 'T' or 'C' to make a picture of.

First Grade SL.K.6

Why do you think the rhyme begins with the word 'rock'? Rock can mean a hard stone or it can mean to tip backwards and forwards like in a rocking chair. Why was the baby in the treetop? What did the wind do? Would you rather rock in a treetop or rock in a rocking chair? Why? The bough is a tree limb; when it breaks what happens to the baby?

See, Saw, Margary Daw

Kindergarten L.K.4

What does 'see' mean? What does 'saw' mean? Can 'saw' mean more than one thing? Do those words sound like another name for a teeter-totter? You sometimes use a straw to drink from a cup. Do you know another meaning for straw? Did you know it's the word for the long stem that grows like very tall grass and on top has wheat seeds or rice seeds or other kinds of seeds that people use to make food? Would you like the rhyme better if some of the words were changed? What words would you change? Say the rhyme with changed words.

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKSL2, ELACCKSL9

What kind of person is Jacky? Does Jacky work hard? Why do you think Jacky doesn't work faster? Does Jacky remind you of any other nursery rhyme characters or story characters? How are they the same?

Simple Simon

Kindergarten ELACCKRL7 ELACCKRL3

Which character in the picture is Simple Simon and which is the pie-man? A 'ware' is something a person makes to sell. What do you think is the job of the man? What could he be holding out? Will the pie-man let Simple Simon have a taste? Why or why not? Did you ever want to taste something but another person wouldn't let you? How did you feel?

Sing a Song of Sixpence

Kindergarten ELACCKRL1, ELACCKRL3

The birds in the pie were blackbirds. How many different kinds of bird can you name? What kinds of birds have you seen people eat? Finding birds in a pie was a big surprise for the king. What would you do if you found a live bird in a pie? Draw or write what you think the king might have done after finding the birds in his pie.

First Grade W.K.3

When did the king begin to count his money? Where was the queen? What was the maid doing? What did the blackbirds do at the end of the rhyme?

Solomon Grundy

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKSL2

What word do you hear most often in this rhyme? Do you notice anything else special about this rhyme? What can you learn from this rhyme? Do you know what day of the week you were born? What day of the week do you like best? Why?

Star Light, Star Bright

Kindergarten RL.K.7

Think about a wish you'd like to make, then write down the wish in words or make a picture. Think about a wish a friend might make, then write down the wish in words or make a picture. Think about a wish a grown-up you know might make, then write down the wish in words or make a picture.

Pre-K, Kindergarten ELACCKSL5, ELACCKRL3, ELACCKRL7

When is it easiest to see stars outside? When you see stars outside do the little dots sometimes seem to make a pattern? With a pencil tap dots in different places on the paper. Can you see any kind of a pattern? Pick a dot and draw a line to another dot, and another dot, and another dot until the line touches all the dots. Does the shape made by the line look a little bit like anything you can think of? Can you draw more lines to make the shape look like something you know?

Ten Little Indians

Kindergarten ELACCKRfC

Write down the numbers from one to 10, and below each number draw that number of checks or x marks. When you hear or say the rhyme point to the right number.

Kindergarten

Can you change the word 'Indians' for another word and say the whole rhyme using the other word? The change word might be about kinds of people or animals or toys or something else. Can you count by fives? If you can, change the rhyme to count by fives. Begin by saying, 'Five little, ten little, fifteen little Indians--'

There was an Old Woman Lived Under the Hill

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKRF2a

What are the first two words that rhyme? Can you think of other words that would rhyme with these? What are the next two words that rhyme? Can you think of other words that would rhyme with these? Can you say the whole thing using some of your new rhyming words?

There was an Old Woman Tossed Up in a Blanket

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The last four lines of the rhyme end with what sound? A cobweb is an old spider's web. The old woman says, 'I'm going to sweep the cobwebs from the sky.' How many words can you think of that rhyme with 'sky'? Say the line about the old woman using a new rhyming word instead of 'sky'.

Kindergarten, First Grade

Do you know the rhyme, 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' or a rhyme about another old woman? If you do, then think about how the poems are like each other and how they are different from each other. Draw three circles. In one circle write words that say what makes 'There was an Old Woman Tossed Up in a Blanket' special. In another circle write words that say what makes 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' or another rhyme about an old woman special. In the third circle write words that say how the two rhymes are alike.

There was a Crooked Man

Kindergarten ELACCKL5d

Think about three things you have seen that were crooked. Make a picture with all three crooked things in the picture. Can you think of a word that means almost the same thing as crooked? Read the rhyme again but use your new word in place of crooked.

Kindergarten

How are these words the same or different from crooked: curved, bent, broken? Are some things better when they are crooked? Have you ever slid on a crooked slide? Have you ever sipped from a crooked straw? Can you make a finger be crooked? Can you stand a crooked way? Can you walk a crooked way?

Kindergarten L.K.1b

What kind of crooked animals are in the rhyme? Can you count how many times the rhyme uses the word 'crooked'? What different things in the rhyme are crooked?

Three Blind Mice

Kindergarten

Sing the rhyme and clap with the especially strong or loud words. Do you hear a pattern? The pattern is what people call the rhythm. Sing the rhyme again and turn in a circle when you hear a question in the rhyme.

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKL5d

How many different things do you know about mice? Do you know what it means to be blind? Can you think of other words that mean the same or almost the same as 'blind'? If the mice were blind, how do you think they knew how to run after the farmer's wife?

This Little Piggy

Pre-k

Have you ever heard this rhyme before? Does the rhyme remind you of anything? Did anyone ever count your toes pretending each toe was a little piggy?

Kindergarten, First Grade ELACCKRF2 ELACCKRF3b

This rhyme has several words that have a short 'i' sound. Three of these words are 'piggy' and 'little' and 'this'. Can you find any other words that have the short 'i' sound?

To Market, to Market

Pre-k, Kindergarten L.K.1c ELACCKSL5

What word rhymes with 'jig'? What word rhymes with 'jog'? What do you think 'jiggity-jig' might mean? What do you think 'jiggity-jog' might mean? Do the words mean different things? How are they different? Do you ever go to a market? Do you ever go to a supermarket? What is a supermarket? Write words or draw pictures to make a list of things to buy at a market or supermarket. From a newspaper or magazine cut out pictures of things you might buy at a market and stick them to a piece of paper or paper plate.

Wee Willie Winkie

Kindergarten RF.K.3

'Wee' is an old-fashioned word for very small. Can you think of other words that mean very small? What word rhymes with 'town'? Can you change the first letter s of the name "Wee Willie Winkie" and create a new name like 'Gee, Gillie, Ginkie' or 'Hee, Hillie, Hinkie'? Say the rhyme using the new name.

Kindergarten, First Grade RL.K.3

Why did Wee Willie Winkie run through the town? What was he wearing? Where do you think he was supposed to be?

What are Little Boys Made Of?

First Grade W.K.2

Are little boys really made of snails and puppy dog tails? Why do you think the rhyme says that? If you wrote a rhyme, what would you say little boys are made of? What might somebody in your family say you were made of? What would you like them to say you were made of?

What are Little Girls Made Of?

First Grade W.K.2

Are little girls really made of sugar and spice? Why do you think the rhyme says that? If you wrote a rhyme, what would you say little girls are made of? What might somebody in your family say you were made of? What would you like them to say you were made of?