

## World Nursery Rhyme Week

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#### Resources

- Row, Row, Row Your Boat Song Sheet (**Resource 1**).
- Additional Verse Examples (**Resource 2**).
- [Row, Row, Row Your Boat song video](#) by Moonbug
- **OPTIONAL:**
- Rhyming string cards (**Resources 3 to 5**)
- The [instrumental version](#) from the official album by Piccolo

#### Introduction/Objective

5 mins



- The objective of today's lesson is to listen to and create rhyming pairs.
- Sing the first verse of Row, Row, Row Your Boat (**Resource 1**).
- Talk about which words rhyme.
- Alternatively, you may chose to watch the [Moonbug video](#).

#### Whole Group

5 mins



- **Listen:** explain that you are going to change some of the words in the rhyme. Reread the first verse and then continue on to the other verses. (**Resource 1**)
- **Recap:** can children hear which words were changed in the rhyme?
- **Discuss:** invite children to help you to substitute some of the rhyming words. (For example **Resource 2**)
- You may wish to support with the [instrumental version](#).

## Independent Activities

15 mins



**Suggested set up:** one or two groups working with adult support and another working independently.

### ICT

- Listen and sing along to their favourite [Moonbug](#) rhymes.
- **Simplify** – listen to and join in with rhymes.
- **Expect** – listen for rhyming words.
- **Extend** – create alternative verses using different rhyming words.

### Rhyming Strings

- Create a rhyming string of words. Start with a word and ask children to think of a word that rhymes. These can include nonsense words. E.g., sip, dip, hip, zip, tip, fip, mip, ship etc.
- Reread the rhyming string that the children have created.
- Use **Resources 3 to 5** for examples and extend.
- **Simplify** – join in and be aware that there is a difference between the words.
- **Expect** – recognise words that rhyme.
- **Extend** – continue a rhyming string.

### Physical

- Choose and act out children's favourite rhymes. Then think of words that could be used to substitute the rhyming words and actions.
- You may wish to use the instrumental versions available in the official World Nursery Rhyme Week album.
- **Simplify** – listen and join in with saying a rhyme.
- **Expect** – recognise words that rhyme.
- **Extend** – create alternative rhyming words.

## Plenary

5 mins



- ★ Give positive feedback and praise for what the children have done well during the session. Address any misconceptions.
- ★ "Today we have listened carefully to rhyming words and changed them for other words that rhyme. Can you think of a word that rhymes with xxx?"

## Further Teaching Points

- Complete the Row, Row, Row Your Boat Quiz, available via Quiz Shed: [shed.ly/QBCXZFZ](https://www.quizshed.com/quiz/row-row-row-your-boat-quiz/)
- Make up simple rhymes during everyday activities and routines.
- Check out the additional resources at:  
<https://www.phonicshed.com/en-gb/> and <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/resources/>

# Row, Row, Row Your Boat



Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream.  
Merrily, merrily,  
Merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream.

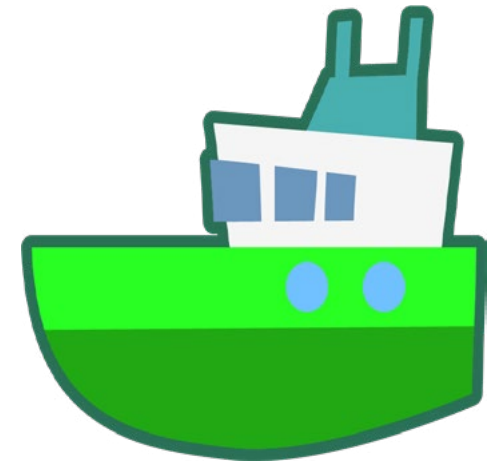
Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently round the lake.  
Don't get stuck,  
Mind the duck,  
It's a piece of cake.

Row, row, row your boat,  
Rowing in a race.  
We will grin,  
If we win,  
Finish in first place.

Row, row, row your boat,  
Rocking to and fro.  
Hold on tight,  
Stay upright,  
Into the water we go!

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the river.  
If we crash,  
There's a splash,  
And we start to shiver.

Row, row, row your boat,  
In the big blue sea.  
Row your boat,  
Stay afloat,  
Home in time for tea.



# Row, Row, Row Your Boat (Alternative Verses)



Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream.  
If you see a crocodile,  
Don't forget to scream! ARH!

Row, row, row your boat,  
Paddling all the way.  
If you see Gordon the horse,  
Don't forget to neigh! NEIGH!

Row, row, row your boat.  
Slowly, just like this.  
If you smile at Sam the snake,  
Don't forget to hiss! /s/!

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the river.  
If you see a polar bear,  
Don't forget to shiver! BRRR!

Row, row, row your boat.  
Splashing up the creek.  
If you see Sprout the mouse,  
Don't forget to squeak! EEEK!

Row, row, row your boat.  
Quickly, please don't dither.  
If you see a wiggly worm,  
Don't forget to slither!

[wiggle on the floor]

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently to the shore.  
If you see a lion.  
Don't forget to roar! RAWR!

Row, row, row your boat.  
Don't you go too far.  
If you meet with Dee the sheep,  
Don't forget to baa! BAAA!

Rock, rock, rock, your boat  
Gently to and fro,  
Look out, give a shout,  
Into the water we go! SPLASH!

[tip sideways]

Row, row, row your boat.  
Paddle that canoe.  
If you see a herd of cows,  
Don't forget to moo! MOO!

Row, row, row your boat.  
I can show you how.  
If you see Curly the cat.  
Don't forget to miaow! MIAOW!

Sail, sail, sail, your boat  
Right across the sea,  
If you're going very far,  
Don't forget me!



# Rhyming String Cards



rat



hat



cat



bat



pat



van



pan



man

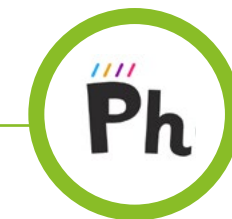


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can

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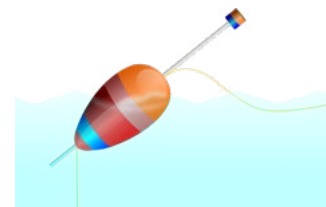
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boat



coat



float



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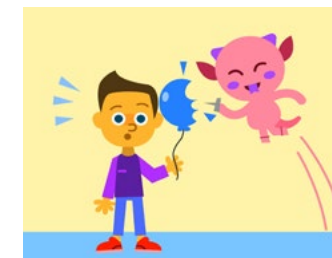
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pop

# Rhyming String Cards



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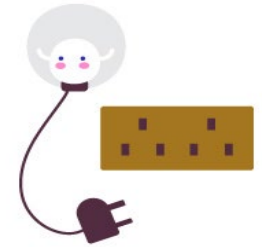
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mug



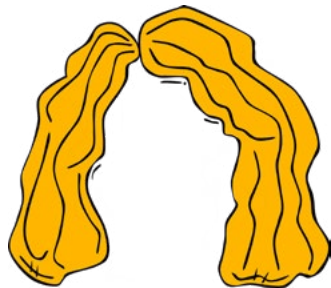
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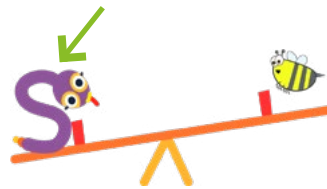
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wig



big



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