

## Spy with My Little Eye

There are many different ways you can play I-spy. You might play using the first letter of the word, the colour and shape of the object or what you use it for. How you play will change depending on your child's ability and how interested they are. It's a good idea to use objects that the child is already familiar with.

Place the object in front of the child and say "I spy with my little eye something that begins with \_". Remember to only use the initial sound and **NOT** the letter name. Allow the child time to guess and name the object. Prompt the child if necessary and say the whole word. "I spy with my little eye something that starts with b (pause) b- nana." Ensure you clearly articulate your sounds.

If your child isn't familiar with sounds, try describing an object on the tray for them such as " I spy with my little eye something that soft and belongs to an animal"



## Nursery Rhymes

Rhyming teaches children how language works. It helps them notice and work with the sounds within words. Rhymes help children experience the rhythm of language. As they recite nursery rhymes they learn to speak with animated voices and someday they'll read with expression, too. When children are familiar with a nursery rhyme or rhyming book, they learn to anticipate the rhyming word. This prepares them to make predictions when they read, another important reading skill. The Nursery children are familiar with lots of rhymes including Humpty Dumpty, Miss Polly Had A Dolly and Baa Baa Black Sheep.



### Words That Rhyme With..... Game

You will need household objects that rhyme (See the list below for examples) and a basket or bowl. Find an object to put in the basket to start the game. Name the item for your child and challenge them to think of a rhyming word that you can find in your house to add to the basket. This works best if you've previously brainstormed a list of words that rhyme with your kids. Make the list yourself or work with your child to create a list together. "I have a jar in this basket. What do we have in the house that rhymes with jar? Yes! Can you go find one of your toy cars? Jar and car rhyme!"

- car, jar, star
- sock, rock, lock, clock
- cap, map
- pan, can, fan
- bag, tag, flag
- bell, shell
- rice, dice



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We hope that we can all return to school very soon but, in the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy and have fun!

