

# Hop on Pop

by Dr. Seuss

An introduction to rhyming words used in simple sentences.



## Read

### Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Do "hop" and "pop" rhyme? How can you tell?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if that big yellow creature has a stomach ache from those little yellow creatures hopping on him?

### During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations and ask questions. Encourage the children to think of more words that rhyme!

### After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- When two words rhyme, which part of the word sounds the same?
- Can you think of more words that rhyme with "hop" and "pop"?
- Pop is another word for Dad. What do you call your Dad?
- Do you think there are some words that nothing rhymes with? Can you think of any?
- I'll say a word and you think of words that rhyme with it.

## Do

### The Name Game

"The Name Game," or "The Banana Song," is a children's singalong rhyming game that creates variations on a person's name. It was written by singer Shirley Ellis and was released as "The Name Game." The record went to number three on the Billboard Hot 100 and number four on the magazine's R&B charts in 1965. It was re-released in 1966 and again in 1973.

Using the name Micah as an example, the song follows this pattern:

Micah, Micah, bo-bicah,

Banana-fana fo-ficah

Fee-fi-mo-icah

Micah!

A verse can be created for any name, with X as the name and X-1 as the name without the first consonant sound (if it begins with a consonant), as follows:

(X), (X), bo-b(X-1)

Banana-fana fo-f(X-1)

Fee-fi-mo-m(X-1)

X!

If the name starts with a vowel or vowel sound, the "b" "f" or "m" is inserted in front of the name.

And if the name starts with a b, f, or m, that sound simply is not repeated. (For example: Billy becomes "Billy Billy bo-illy"; Fred becomes "banana fana fo-red"; Marsha becomes "fee fi mo-arsha".)

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