



# RHYMES

Do you remember your nursery rhymes? Do you know the origins of popular rhymes? Test your guests knowledge. Have them match the nursery rhyme with it's origin or meaning! The first person to correctly complete them all or get the most correct in 10 minutes wins!

Hickory Dickory Dock - A nonsense poem which uses alliteration where children mimic the sound of a clock chiming at the relevant point in the song.

Hey Diddle Diddle - A fantasy rhyme designed to delight children with impossible images such "the Cow jumped over the Moon"!

Hush A Bye Baby/ Rock A Bye Baby - It was the practice of some Native Americans to place a baby in the branches of a tree allowing the wind to gently rock the child to sleep.

Little Bo Peep - Builds the picture of a young shepherdess and the advice given to her by someone more experienced!

Little Miss Muffet - Her stepfather, was a famous entomologist who wrote the first scientific catalogue of British Insects.

Itsy Bitsy Spider - Movements and actions of this rhyme help children to improve their manual dexterity whilst repeating the words of the song.

Jack Sprat - Apparently, when King Charles (Jack Sprat) declared war on Spain, parliament refused to finance him (leaving him lean!) So his wife imposed an illegal war tax (to get some fat!) after the angered King (Jack Sprat) dissolved Parliament.

Jack Be Nimble - Black Jack, an English pirate who was notorious for escaping from the authorities in the late 16th century.

Three Blind Mice - A rhyme about noblemen who adhered to the Protestant faith who were convicted of plotting against the Queen Mary I.

Ring Around the Rosies - The historical period of this rhyme dates back and is attributed to the Great Plague of London in 1665.

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