



Draw-a-Rhyme Stories

Skill: Rhyme

<u>What you need</u>	<u>Who can play</u>
Paper and pencil, pen, crayons, or markers <i>Optional:</i> Sidewalk and chalk	Child and adult / older sibling

What you do

1. Explain to your child that they are going to draw a picture, and they will know what to draw by listening to rhyming words in a story.
2. Read each rhyming story aloud, and encourage your child to figure out the second rhyming word in each pair of lines.
3. Have your child draw each part as it's described to create the picture.



Monster Rhyme

When you draw a monster, it is said,
you must always begin with a head.

She can see where she flies,
if we draw two bright eyes.

To tell which way the cold wind blows,
our monster will need a great big nose.

Look to the north and look to the south;
now we can give our monster a mouth.

Some above and some beneath--
our monster has a lot of teeth.

Now under this chin, let's just check:
that's where we should draw her neck.

Though it may make her topsy-turvy,
let's give her a body that's curvy.

If she really, really begs,
We could give her two long legs.

To make our monster nice and neat,
we'll teach her to wipe her feet.

We got this letter in the mail
Saying, "Don't forget your monster's tail!"

She isn't fierce, she isn't hairy--
I'm glad we didn't make her scary!



Clown Rhyme

When making a clown, it is said,
always start with a big, round head.

Make it messy, cuz clowns don't care--
On top of his head, give him curly hair.

When people laugh, he wants to hear;
so on each side, give him an ear.

Now make him look so very wise
by giving him two wide-open eyes.

And yes, of course, as everyone knows,
He'll need a big fat rounded nose.

Now make a line as long as a mile,
and turn it into a great big smile.

Look at his clothes-- the clown suit he's in:
it has a ruffle, right under his chin.

All over his suit are big colored spots,
so give him lots of polka dots.

Now look here, can you believe?
He has purple stripes on each sleeve!

He has two hands-- one left, one right;
one's painted yellow and the other, white.

At the bottom of his funny suit,
you can see one big black boot.

The other foot hasn't any shoe,
cuz he just painted his toenails blue.

Now if you listened and did everything right,
your little clown is a funny sight!



Alien Rhyme

When drawing a Martian, it is said,
always start by making a head.

Don't give her hair on top of her head;
give her a shiny, round helmet-- bright red!

Look at her eyes, so scary and mean.
Since she's from Mars, they must be green.

Right by her nose, her eyeballs hide
cuz she just happens to be cross-eyed.

Just look at her nose-- imagine that!
It has three holes and it's really flat.

Her mouth is crooked with lots of teeth--
jagged on top and flat underneath.

Not only is her neck double-jointed,
but look at her ears: they're very pointed.

I'm sure she has a body like you and me,
but a Martian's space suit is all you see.

Now remember: Martians aren't to be feared;
they're not really dangerous, they just look weird!