



Squirrel in a Tree

Skill: Rhyme



<u>What you need</u>	<u>Who can play</u>
Printed copy of rhyming pictures (attached) <i>Note: Use these same pictures for Rhyme Chime and Go Fish!</i>	Child (Adult or older sibling can explain the activity first and then check it at the end.)

What you do

1. Make a deck of rhyming cards by printing and cutting apart the attached pictures.
2. Hide one of each matching pair somewhere in your home. Those cards are the TREES.
3. Give the set of remaining cards to your child. Those cards are called the SQUIRRELS.
4. Tell your child that each SQUIRREL needs to find its TREE that rhymes with it. For example, the “dog” card should be matched up with the “frog” card.
5. Have your child go around and put the matches together, placing each SQUIRREL with its rhyming TREE. Then go around and have them say the rhyming pairs to you, collecting them as you go.

Other ways to play

1. Hide the cards in pairs, some correctly and some incorrectly matched. Have your child decide if each pair is correctly matched and correct the ones that are not.
2. Turn all of the cards upside down on a table in rows. Take turns turning over two cards at a time to see if they rhyme; if they do, keep them, and if not, turn them back upside down in the same spots. (This is called *Memory* or *Concentration*.)

Taking it further

1. Have your child match all of the SQUIRRELS to their TREES. Then have them tell you more words that rhyme with each pair. Have them create additional cards.
2. Hide all of the TREES. Have your child choose a SQUIRREL card, think of a word that rhymes with it, and *then* go find the TREE for that SQUIRREL.



