



Daily and Supporting Learning Targets

- Opening A: I can match words that rhyme by the sounds I hear. (RF.K.2)
 - When given a word, I can create a new rhyming word by changing the first sound in the word.
- Work Time A: I can point to each word in a poem as I read it.
 - I can create a new rhyming word by changing the first sound. (RF.K.1, RF.K.2, L.K.2)
 - I can point to each word in a line of memorized text.
 - I can point to words in a text.
 - When given a word, I can create a new rhyming word by changing the first sound in the word.
 - I can print many lowercase letters.
 - I can write the letter or letters for most of the consonants I hear.
 - I can write the letter or letters for most of the short vowel sounds I hear.

Ongoing Assessment

- Observe students during the Opening and Work Time. Determine whether they can hear and match the rimes.
- Observe students during Work Time A. Determine whether they can follow along with the poem using one-to-one correspondence.
- Record students' progress on the Snapshot Assessment.

Agenda

1. **Opening (5 minutes)**
 - A. Make a Match
2. **Work Time (10–15 minutes)**
 - A. Interactive Sentence Building
3. **Closing and Assessment (2 minutes)**
 - A. Reflecting on Learning
4. **Differentiated Small Group Instruction and Rotations (40–45 minutes)**

Teaching Notes

In advance:

- Copy and cut apart Rhyming Picture Cards.
- Write lines of the interactive poem “Popcorn!” with some words missing, on sentence strips or chart paper (see Teaching Notes for explanation).
- Prepare the Snapshot Assessment (optional; one per student).
- Gather materials for differentiated small group instruction (see Differentiated Small Groups: Work with Teacher).

Vocabulary

Key:

(L): Lesson-Specific Vocabulary

(T): Text-Specific Vocabulary

- interactive (L)

Materials

- ✓ Rhyming Picture Cards (see supporting materials)
- ✓ Enlarged interactive poem with some words missing: “Popcorn!” (written on sentence strips or handwritten on chart paper to display; see supporting materials)
- ✓ Snapshot Assessment (optional; one per student)

Opening

A. Make a Match

- (Suggested transition song, sung to the tune of “Frère Jacques”):

“Now it’s match time, now it’s match time. Hear the words, hear the words. Match the endings together, match the endings together. Make a pair, make a pair.”
- Begin the Make a Match instructional practice:
 1. Students stand in a circle to “fish” for matches.
 2. Teacher says: “Today we are going to challenge ourselves to use what we know about rhyming sounds to match rhyming words together.”
 3. Teacher places **Rhyming Picture Cards** facedown in the middle of the circle.
 4. Teacher says: “When I say ‘It’s time to fish,’ each person is going to use their imaginary fishing pole to pick up a Rhyming Picture Card from the imaginary pond.”
 5. Teacher models using the imaginary fishing pole to pick up a Rhyming Picture Card.
 6. Teacher says: “Once you have your Rhyming Picture Card, you will try to make a match. You will find the person who has a Rhyming Picture Card that rhymes with your Rhyming Picture Card. Once you’ve found that person, you have made a match! It’s time to fish!”
 7. Students “fish” for cards, find partners, and decide together whether their cards rhyme with each other.
 8. Partners sit down when they find a match and share their rhyming words with the class, if time allows.
 9. Teacher says: “We have just matched pictures that rhyme. Next, we will find missing rhyming words together.”

Meeting Students’ Needs

- If students need additional support to find a match, provide sentence starters for them to use. Example:
 - “I have the picture mop. Do you have a picture that rhymes with mop, that ends with ‘-op’?”

- Circulate while students are searching for a match, guiding students to find their partners if they have trouble.
- To deepen the level of word analysis, consider modeling with a volunteer how to “prove” that two words rhyme (or don’t rhyme) by segmenting the onset (first sound) from the rime (ending chunk) in each word to compare. Invite students to do this with their partners to make sure they have successfully made a match.

Work Time

A. Interactive Sentence Building

- (Suggested transition song, sung to the tune of “I’m a Little Teapot”):
 - “Now let’s all be writers, word by word. Finish the sentences we just heard. When we choose a word, it will rhyme. It sounds just right, let’s do it all the time!”*
- Begin the Interactive Sentence Building instructional practice:
 1. Teacher displays **enlarged interactive poem: “Popcorn!”** with some words missing (see Teaching Notes and supporting materials for guidance).
 2. Teacher says: “It looks like some of the words for our poem are missing! Let’s see if we can figure out the words that are missing!”
 3. Teacher reads the first line of the poem: “Popcorn pops when it is hot.”
 4. Teacher reads the second line of the poem with final word omitted: “Pop-pop-pop, the sound of hopping in a ____!”
 5. Teacher asks:
 - “Hmm. What word would rhyme with ‘hot’ and make sense in this sentence?” (“pot”)*
 6. Teacher says: “Right! They both end with ‘-ot.’ ‘Hot’ and ‘pot’ rhyme.”
 7. Teacher asks:
 - “Now who can write the missing word, ‘pot,’ into our poem?”*
 8. Teacher guides a student volunteer in writing the word “pot.”
 9. Teacher asks:
 - “What is the first sound we hear in ‘pot?’” (/p/)*
 - “Right! And what letter says /p/?” (“p”)*
 - “Right! So how do we make a ‘p’?” (Start at the belly line, straight line down to touch the feet line and back up and around to the right, close it up and make a half circle.)*
 10. Repeat with middle and final sounds.
 11. Teacher rereads the two sentences, modeling one-to-one correspondence, as students follow along.
 12. Repeat steps 3–11 with the remaining lines of the poem as time allows.
 13. Teacher rereads the entire poem, modeling one-to-one correspondence, while students follow along.

Meeting Students' Needs

- Consider stretching each rhyming word so that students can hear the ending sounds (rime).
- Consider segmenting the missing word for students to hear each individual sound.
Example:
— /h/-/o/-/t/
- Consider providing additional guidance as needed for students who need additional support in letter formation. Refer to the Letter Formation Guidance document (see K-2 Skills Resource Manual), if needed.

Closing and Assessment

A. Reflecting on Learning

- Emphasize that successful learners think about what they've learned and why it's important. Consider using a metaphor, such as a baseball player learning to keep his or her eye on the ball to know exactly when to hit it.
- Ask:

“When we match rhyming words, what part of the word are we listening to?” (the ending)

“How might that help us with reading or writing?” (Responses will vary.)

Meeting Students' Needs

- For students who need additional support organizing their ideas: Provide sentence frames. Example:
— “When I listened to the sounds in ____, I ____.”

Differentiated Small Groups: Work with Teacher

Suggested Plan: Teacher works with the Pre-Alphabetic and Partial Alphabetic groups. At this point in the year, the teacher may be ready to meet with three rather than just two groups per day. If so, the teacher should work with students in the Full and Consolidated Alphabetic phases at least once per week. The teacher may choose to guide students through the suggested independent activity or refer to the possible practice activities.

Note: Groups not working with the teacher at a given time should be engaged in purposeful independent rotation work. Refer to the Independent and Small Group Work guidance document (see K-2 Skills Resource Manual) for more details.

Pre-Alphabetic:

- Practice activity: Teacher guides students in sorting rhyming pictures. Pictures include: “tag,” “flag,” “pot,” “shot,” “fox,” “box,” “trap,” “map,” “pig,” “dig,” “mug,” “hug,” “sun,” “run,” “mop,” “stop,” “drum,” “gum,” “log,” “dog.”

- Teacher cuts apart Rhyming Picture Cards ahead of time.
- Teacher guides students in matching rhyming pictures.
- Students paste pictures on Rhyme Matching sheet.
- Consider giving students their own individual Rhyming Picture Cards and Rhyme Matching sheet and have them repeat the activity independently.
- Consider also reading the Letter Stories of the vowels, found in the Learning Letters Book. After reading the stories, practice skywriting the letters.
- Additional Supporting Materials:
 - Rhyming Picture Cards (one set per student; used also in Opening A)
 - Rhyme Matching sheet (one for teacher use; one per student)
 - Scissors and glue sticks (one of each per student)

Partial Alphabetic:

- Practice activity: Students sort rhyming pictures. Pictures include: “tag,” “flag,” “pot,” “shot,” “fox,” “box,” “trap,” “map,” “pig,” “dig,” “mug,” “hug,” “sun,” “run,” “mop,” “stop,” “drum,” “gum,” “log,” “dog.”
 - Students cut apart pictures from Rhyming Picture Cards.
 - Students sort and paste pictures on Rhyme Matching sheet.
- Consider also reading the Letter Stories of the vowels, found in the Learning Letters Book. After reading the stories, practice skywriting the letters.
- Additional Supporting Materials:
 - Rhyming Picture Cards (one set per student; used also in Opening A)
 - Rhyme Matching sheet (one for teacher use; one per student)
 - Scissors and glue sticks (one of each per student)

Full and Consolidated Alphabetic:

- Independent Practice activity: Students sort pictures by rime pattern.
 - Students cut apart Rime Pattern Pictures.
 - Students sort and paste pictures on Rime Pattern Sort sheet.
- Conference with students about Accountable Independent Reading.
- Choose a lesson from the K–2 Continuum to extend the students’ learning. (Refer to the students’ assessment data and the Assessment Conversion chart to determine an appropriate lesson or group of lessons.)
- Additional Supporting Materials:
 - Rime Pattern Pictures (one set per student)
 - Rime Pattern Sort sheets (one per student)
 - Scissors and glue sticks (one of each per student)