

Make time for

Rhyme

And

Developing Speech

Sounds

Rhyme

Rhyming helps children become more aware of the differences in speech sounds

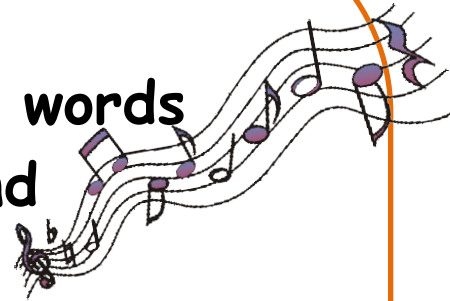


- **Books:**
Read rhyming books together and see if your child can find the rhymes.
- **Jump to me.** Stand facing your child, a little apart. Say pairs of words to your child, some that rhyme and some that don't. Every time you read a pair that rhymes, your child gets to take a jump, or hop toward you. When your child reaches you give them a surprise - cuddle, hug, cheer, tickle them - try something different each time.
 - **These don't have to be real words like 'pat' and 'cat' - nonsense words like 'pif' and 'dif' also help children rhyme**

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Rhyme

If your child is too young to understand rhyming words
don't worry - use rhymes of a different kind



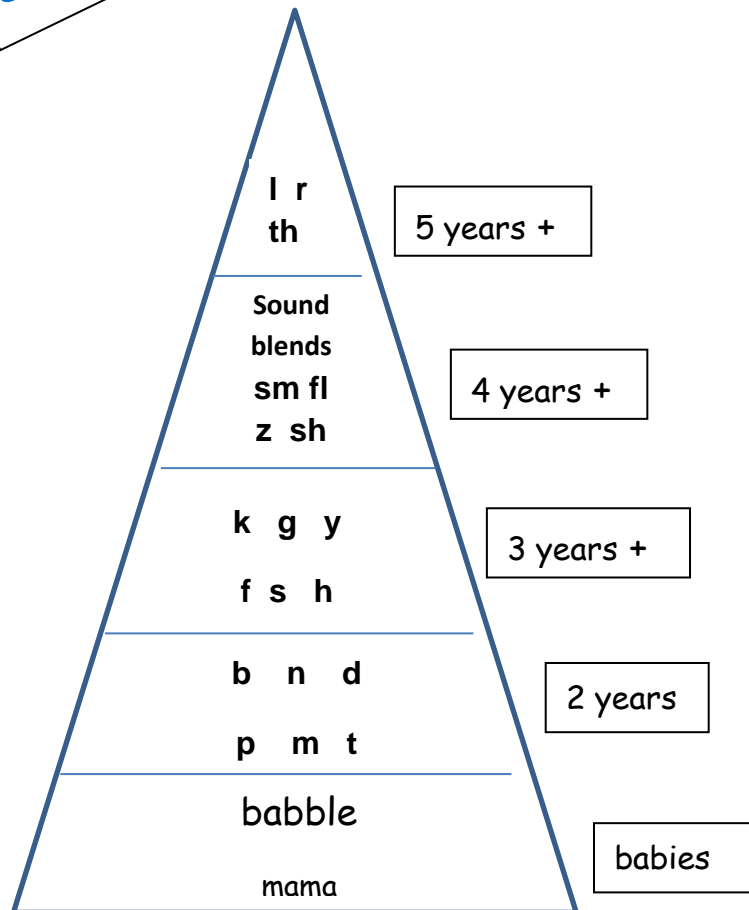
- Singing nursery rhymes with your child will also help raise their awareness of speech and the sounds being used
- Children love repetition and this will help your child learn new words, short phrases and language patterns
- Using signs and gestures will help engage your child - helping them to learn concepts, up/under/over and even counting



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Speech sounds

Developing Speech Sounds



- Many children follow these stages when developing sounds - but not all children learn them in this order
- Help your child develop speech sounds by naming lots of items and objects for them to hear
- If your child says a word which is unclear - model it by repeating it back to them e.g. child says "tar" instead of car....say "yes, it's a car"
- Try to be face-to-face with your child and at their eye level so they can clearly see your mouth, lip and tongue position

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