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The Rhyme Game

by Guy Belleranti

Bella and James sat on the grass.

"Let's play the rhyme game," Bella said. "First, you say a word. Then, I'll say a word that rhymes."

James nodded. "Truck," he said.

"Duck," Bella rhymed.

"House," James said.

"Mouse," Bella rhymed.

"Dog," James said.

"Frog," Bella rhymed.

"Can I do the rhyming now?" James asked.

"Yes," Bella said.

"Dress," James rhymed.

Bella laughed. "Wait. Yes wasn't my word. Here it is now."

"Cow," James rhymed.

"No," Bella said, laughing harder. "No, no, no."

"Go." James rhymed. "Go, go, go."

Bella laughed so hard she rolled on the grass.

James rolled next to her. Rhyming was fun!



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- a. on a sunny day
 - b. outside
 - c. at the beach
 - d. in the morning



2. Whose idea was it to play the rhyme game? _____

3. What word did Bella rhyme with dog?
- a. hog
 - b. fog
 - c. go
 - d. frog

4. Why did Bella keep laughing at James' rhymes?
- _____
- _____

Now try this: Play the rhyming game with a friend.

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

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| 2. nodded | ● | ● | large animal that makes milk |
| 3. mouse | ● | ● | moved head up and down |
| 4. cow | ● | ● | green plants that make up a lawn |
| 5. laugh | ● | ● | opposite of stop |
| 6. go | ● | ● | Ha, ha, ha! |

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In the story, "The Rhyme Game," Bella and James think of rhyming words.

Write three sentences with rhyming words. Use a pair of rhymes in each.

examples: A mouse is in my house.

My dog chased a frog.

1.

2.

3.

ANSWER KEY

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1. Where does this story take place? **b**
- a. on a sunny day b. **outside**
c. at the beach d. in the morning



2. Whose idea was it to play the rhyme game? **Bella's**

3. What word did Bella rhyme with dog? **d**
- a. hog b. fog
c. go d. **frog**

4. Why did Bella keep laughing at James' rhymes?

James kept rhyming words that she didn't intend for him to rhyme.

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- The image shows a matching exercise with six items on the left and six on the right. Red lines connect the items as follows: 1. grass to 4. cow, 2. nodded to 3. mouse, 3. mouse to 2. nodded, 4. cow to 1. grass, 5. laugh to 6. go, and 6. go to 5. laugh.