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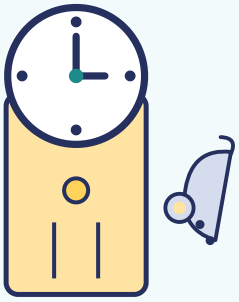
Listening ears

Listen carefully to a rhyme, then say what you heard.

1 Learn



Good listeners keep still and use both ears. Then they can tell you **who** was in the rhyme and **what** happened!



Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory, dock.

How to listen to a rhyme

1. **Get ready:** sit still, and look at the grown-up.
2. **Listen** to the whole rhyme, right to the end.
3. **Who** was in it? A mouse! **What** did it do? It ran up the clock.

Flip's tip: make a picture in your head while you listen. Can you see the mouse running up?

Warm up: draw a ring round the **two** things that were in the rhyme.


mouse


cat


clock


sun

Grown-ups: read or sing the rhyme twice. Run your fingers up and down the clock picture as you go. Then ask "Who was in it?" and "What did the mouse do?"

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2 Try it together

a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Listening walk

You need: a walk outside, or a spot by an open window. Bring this sheet and a crayon.

1. Stand still together. Close your eyes for a moment and listen.
2. What can you hear? Talk about each sound.
3. Is it **loud** or **quiet**? Tick the table.
4. Heard something else? Draw it in the last row.

I heard…	I heard it ✓	loud	quiet
a bird			
a car			
a dog			
the wind			
Draw something else:			

Grown-ups: name each sound and add a describing word: "a loud, rumbly lorry". Hold hands near roads.

3 Practise

A. Listen to your grown-up say **Baa, baa, black sheep**. Ring **who** was in it.

Grown-up reads: Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool? Yes, sir, yes, sir, three bags full.


frog


sheep


cat


fish

How many bags full? Ring the number.

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B. Loud or quiet? Colour the **loud** things.


drum


feather

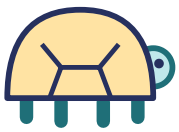

thunder


mouse

C. Fast or slow? Ring the **fast** things.


snail


car


tortoise


plane

D. Listen to your grown-up say **Incy Wincy Spider**. Draw who was in it.

Grown-up reads: Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout. Down came the rain and washed the spider out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain, and Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again.

Challenge

Leo says, "In Hickory, Dickory, Dock, the mouse ran up a **tree**." Is he right? What did the mouse run up?

I can... Tick when you can.

- [ ] sit still and listen to a rhyme
- [ ] say who was in a rhyme
- [ ] hear loud and quiet sounds