

## Nursery rhymes and tongue twisters for parties

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Children should learn more nursery rhymes because through living in the beautiful melody, and the pleasant mood derived from the rhymes, they will grow up happily. Besides, nursery rhymes and tongue twisters include many basic concepts for young children to learn, e.g. the different parts of a little teapot. And for the sake of learning a second language, it is proven that children are more interested in learning English through songs and rhymes.

Tongue twisters may help children focus their pronunciation on particular English sounds:

Sam said he was sorry he put salt in Sally's sandwich.  
Yesterday you yelled in the yard for a yellow yo-yo.  
Gary was glad to play games in grandmother's green garden.  
Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper

### Nursery rhymes

I'm a little teapot  
Short and stout  
Here is my handle  
Here is my spout

When I get all steamed up  
Hear me shout:  
Tip me over  
and pour me out!

<http://www.indianchild.com/i%20am%20a%20teapot.htm>

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;  
All the King's horses and all the King's men,  
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

<http://www.indianchild.com/humpty%20dumpty.htm>

One, two, three, four, five.  
Once I caught a fish alive,  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,  
Then I let it go again.  
Why did you let it go?  
Because it bit my finger so.  
Which finger did it bite?  
This little finger on the right.

<http://www.kiddyhouse.com/Songs/12345.html>

(with music)

Tongue twisters:

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper  
A peck of pickled pepper Peter Piper picked  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper  
Where's the peck of pickled pepper Peter Piper picked?

<http://www.amherst.edu/~rjyanco94/literature/mothergoose/rhymes/peterpiperpic kedapeckofpickledpeppers.html>

She sells seashells by the seashore.  
The shells she sells are surely seashells.  
So if she sells shells on the seashore,  
I'm sure she sells seashore shells.

[http://www.fun-with-words.com/tong\\_example.html](http://www.fun-with-words.com/tong_example.html)

In home parties, you may arrange children to play games, say nursery rhymes and tongue twisters. In this way, they can practise English for fun. Furthermore, if there are many children from a few families, then you may divide the children into groups and arrange a singing contest or tongue twister contest. Prizes and competitions usually are wonderful incentives for the young performers.