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Baby Time Songs and Rhymes

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F is for Fish



Once I Caught A Fish Alive

Hold up your fingers as you count, shrug when you let the fish go, and wiggle the little finger on your right hand when it gets bitten!

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Once I caught a **fish** alive

6, 7, 8, 9, 10

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 my right

Count with baby! How many fingers on each hand?

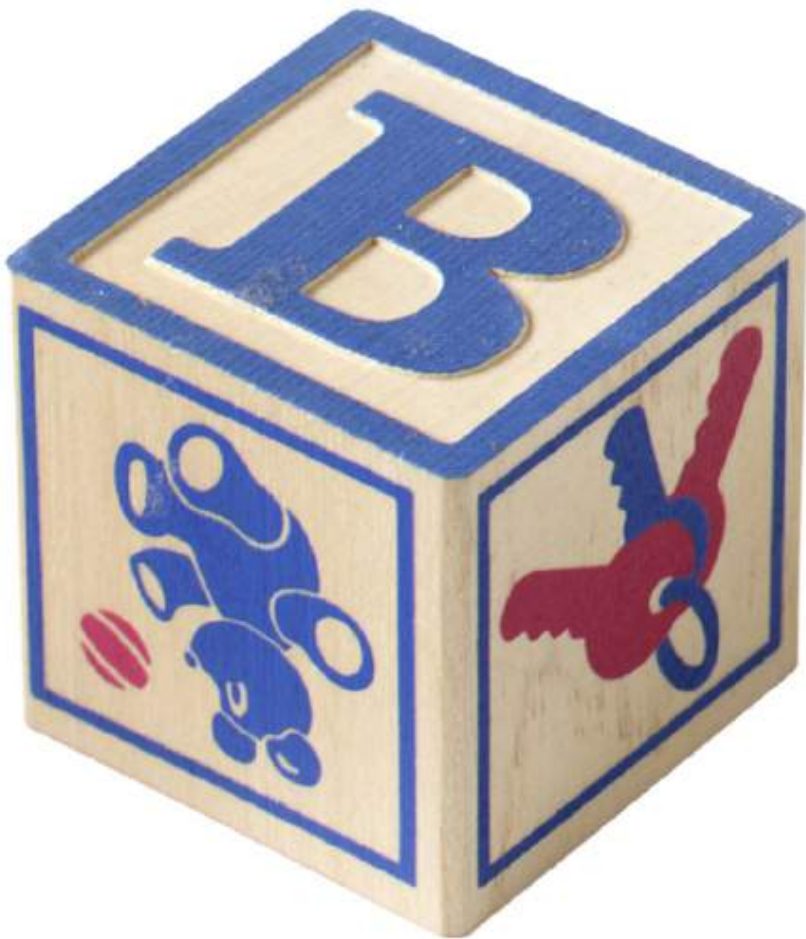


A is for Alphabet

Alphabet Song

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z.

Now I know my ABC,
Next time won't you sing with me?



What letter does
baby's name start
with?

Find it in the
alphabet, make the
sound and say their
name!

W is for Wool

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa Baa black sheep have you any **wool**?

Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full

One for the master and one for the dame

And one for the little boy who lives down the lane.

Moo moo jersey cow have you any milk?

Yes sir, yes sir, three pails full

One for the master and one for the cat

And one for the little pig who wants to get fat.

Baa Baa white sheep have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir three bags full

One for the jumpers and one for the frocks

And one for the little girl with holes in her socks.



S is for Secret

Can you keep a secret?

Can you keep a **secret**?

I don't suppose you can.

You mustn't laugh

You mustn't cry

But do the best you can!



Tickle baby's ear and tell him or her a secret!

H is for House

Garden Snail

Slowly, slowly, very slowly,
Goes the garden snail.

Slowly, slowly, very slowly,
Up the garden trail.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,
Runs the little mouse.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,
In his little **house**.



C is for Cow

Hey diddle diddle

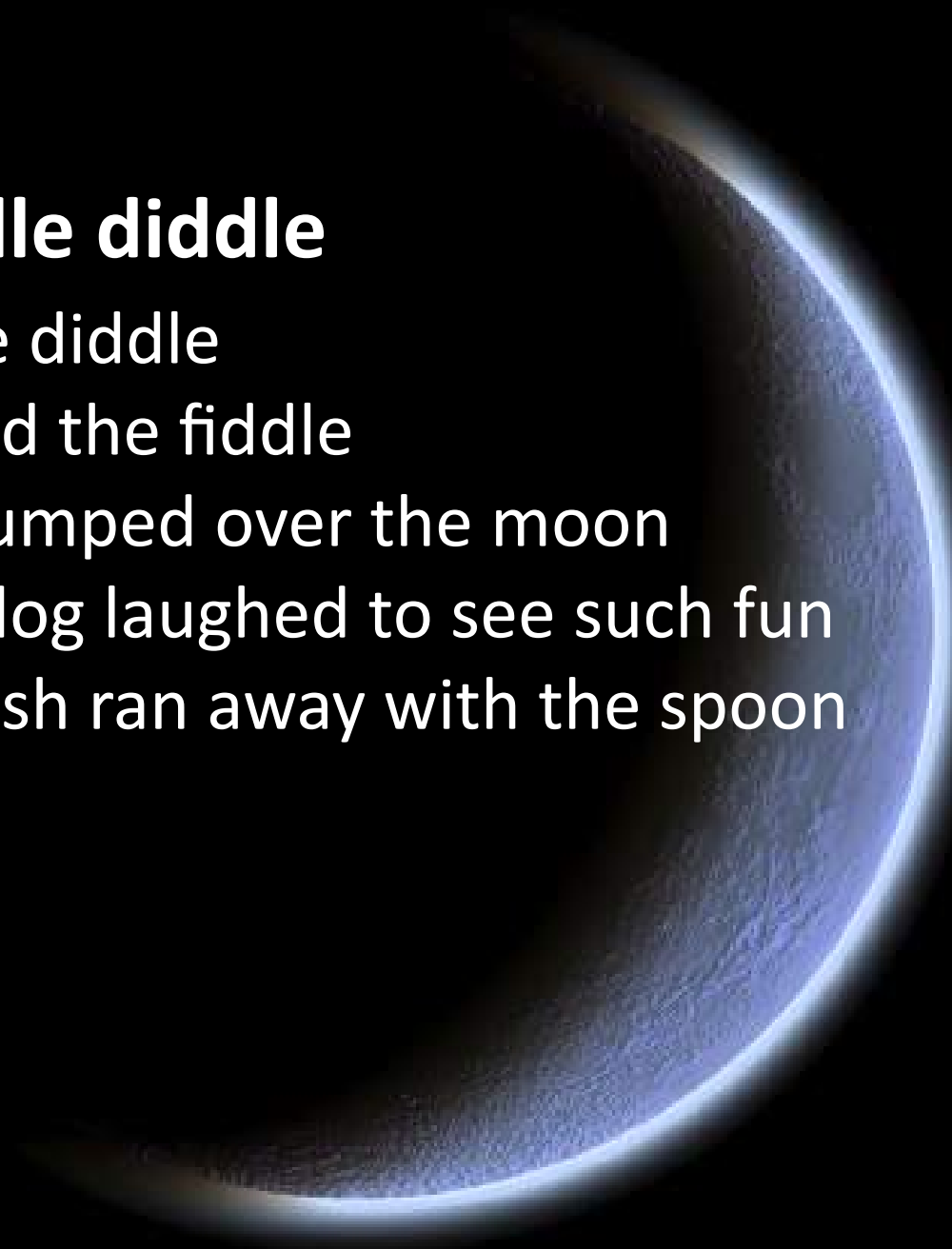
Hey diddle diddle

The cat and the fiddle

The **cow** jumped over the moon

The little dog laughed to see such fun

And the dish ran away with the spoon



M is for Mouse

Hickory Dickory

Hickory Dickory Dock
The **mouse** ran up the clock
The clock struck one
The mouse ran down
Hickory Dickory Dock



Hickory Dickory Dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck 2
The mouse felt blue
Hickory dickory dock

Hickory Dickory Dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck 3
The mouse said weeee
Hickory dickory dock

Hold baby carefully and say 'up' in a high voice as you lift baby up. Then say 'down' in a low voice as you lower baby down.

Turn it into a game and watch baby laugh!

H is for Horse

Horsey Horsey

Horsey, horsey
Don't you stop
Just let your feet go
Clippity clop
Your tail goes swish
Your wheels go round
Giddy up we're
Homeward bound



How many horses are there? Count them with baby!

K is for **King**



Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
All the **King's** horses
And all the King's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again

H is for Hands

If you're happy and you know it

Clap your hands, rub your tummy, blow a kiss etc twice after you sing each action

If you're happy and you know it clap your **hands**

If you're happy and you know it

Then you really ought to show it

If you're happy and you know it clap you're hands.

If you're happy and you know it rub your tummy....

Blow a kiss....

Tickle your toes....

Pointing to and naming things like hands, feet, nose etc will help baby to develop a vocabulary.

Baby is never too young to hear language used in daily life and from story books!



R is for Rain

Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout
Down come the rain and washed the spider out
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the **rain**
So Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again

Incy Wincy spider was climbing up the tree
Down came the snow and made the spider freeze
Out came the sun and melted all the snow
So Incy Wincy spider had another go



As baby grows, learning the hand movements to rhymes helps develop fine motor skills. Plus, it's fun!

B is for Bell

Jingle Bells

Jingle Bells, Jingle **Bells**
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
On a one horse open sleigh
Hey!

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells
Jingle All the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
On a one horse open sleigh



D is for Duck

Old MacDonald's Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm

Ei-Ei-O

And on that farm he had a cow

Ei-Ei-O

With a moo moo here

And a moo moo there

Here a moo, there a moo

Everywhere a moo moo



Old MacDonald had a farm

Ei-Ei-O

And on that farm he had a sheep....

*And on that farm he had a **duck**....*

And on that farm he had a dog.....

C is for Clap

Open Shut Them

Open shut them, open shut them
Give a little **clap**
Open shut them, open shut them
Lay them in your lap

Open shut them, open shut them
Give them all a shake
Open shut them, open shut them
Keep them wide a wake

Open shut them, open shut them
Don't get in a muddle
Open shut them, open shut them
Give your friends a cuddle



B is for **Baby**

Pat a Cake

Pat a cake, pat a cake
Baker's man
Bake me a cake
As fast as you can

Pat it and prick it and
Mark it with B and
Put it in the oven for
Baby and Me



N is for Nose

Peek-a-boo!

Peek-a-boo,

Peek-a-boo

I see you!

I see you!

I see your button **nose**

I see your tiny toes

I see you!

Peek-a-boo!

Pointing to and naming things like hands, feet, nose etc will help baby to develop a vocabulary.

Exposing babies to regular singing, reading and talking from birth will give them around 5000 words in their vocabulary by the time they start school!



T is for Tree

Rock-a-bye Baby

Rock-a-bye baby
On the tree top
When the winds blows
The cradle will rock
When the bough breaks
The cradle will fall
And down will come baby
Cradle and all!



G is for Garden

Circle baby's palm with your finger, step your fingers up their arm then tickle them under their arm!

Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden
Like a teddy bear
One step, two step
And tickle under there

Round and round the haystack
Went the little mouse
One step, two step
And into his little house

Round and round the lighthouse
And up the spiral stair
One step, two step
And right up in the air!

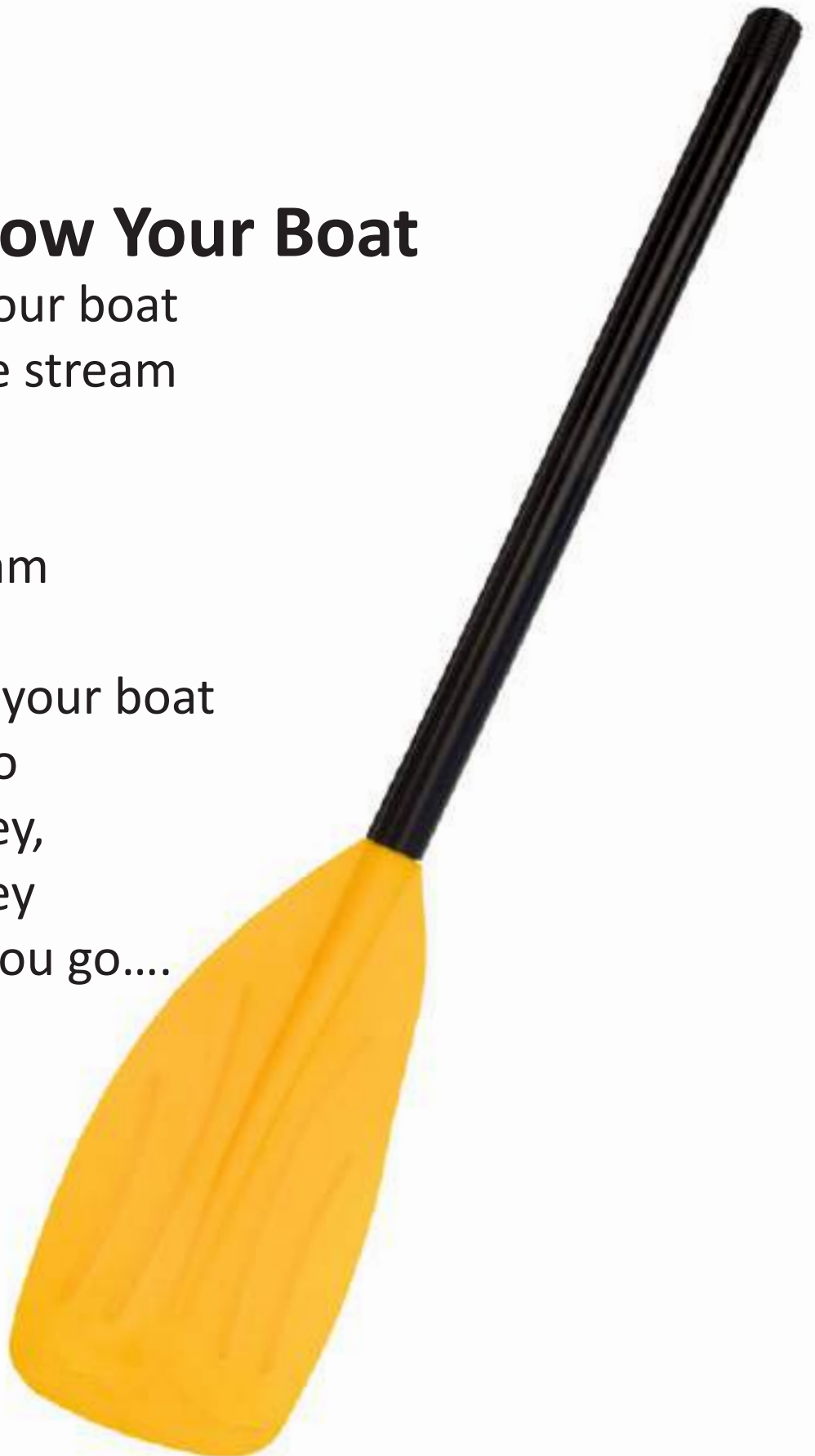


W is for **Water**

Row Row Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily,
Merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream

Rock, rock, rock your boat
Gently to and fro
Wibbly, wobbly,
Wibbly, wobbly
Into the **water** you go....
Splash!



N is for **Night**

Starlight, Star Bright

Starlight, star bright,
The first star I see tonight

I wish I may

I wish I might

Have this wish

I wish tonight



H is for Hill

The Grand old Duke of York

The Grand old Duke of York

He had ten thousand men

He marched them up to the top of the **hill**

And he marched them down again

And when they were up, they were up

And when they were down, they were down

And when they were only half way up

They were neither up nor down



F is for Finger

These are Baby's Fingers

These are baby's **fingers**

These are baby's toes

This is baby's belly button

Round and round it goes



F is for Farmer

This is the Way the Farmer Rides

This is the way the farmer rides

The farmer rides

The farmer rides

This is the way the **farmer** rides

So early in the morning

This is the way the lady rides...

This is the way the gentleman rides...

This is the way the baby rides...



Singing and sharing rhymes is the best way to promote a love of reading when your child is very young.

This means your child is more likely to develop early literacy skills before school, positioning them well for formal learning.

H is for Hair

This is the Way We Wash Our Hair

This the way we wash our hair

wash our hair

wash our hair

This is the way we wash our **hair**

So early in the morning

This the way we wash our toes...

This the way we wash our tummy...

This the way we wash our knees...

This is the way we wash our hands...

This is the way we wash our face...



P is for Pig

*Pretend baby's toes are the pigs and wiggle them each line.
Run your fingers up to their tummy and tickle them 'all the way home'!*

This Little Piggy

This little **piggy** went to market This little piggy
stayed home

This little piggy had roast beef

This little piggy had none

And this little piggy went

WEE WEE WEE

all the way home



M is for Market

To Market, To Market

On your lap, help your child 'gallop' along with the rhyme.

To market, to market
To buy a fat pig
Home again, home again
Jiggety-jig

To market, to **market**
To buy a fat hog
Home again, home again
Jiggety-jog

To market, to market
To buy a plum bun,
Home agin, home again,
Market is done!



S is for Star

Twinkle Twinkle

Twinkle, twinkle little **star**
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.

When the blazing sun is gone
When he nothing shines upon
Then you shine your little light
Twinkle, twinkle all the night
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.



F is for Fur

Warm Kitty

Warm Kitty
Soft kitty,
Little ball of **fur**,
Sleepy kitty,
Happy kitty,
Purr, purr, purr!



Rhyme and repetition help your child to develop a range of language skills, so be prepared to share the same story time and time again!