

Rhyming pairs

Spelling game

Objectives

- To facilitate close examination of familiar words in their written form
- To introduce the concept of using word endings to help identify word gender (all the words used are masculine, with the obvious exception of **mère**)
- Saying the words out loud links the spelling patterns with pronunciation and helps pupils to distinguish between similar sounding, but differently spelled word endings

Setting up the game

- You need to photocopy and cut out the rhyme cards (pages 15–16).
- The children will need some counters or coins.
- Players play in groups of three. Each pupil will need to pick a picture board from the selection (pages 16–17).

Mots clés– Key words

pantalon	trousers
crayon	pencil
français	French
anglais	English
pain	bread
copain	friend
café	coffee
supermarché	supermarket
bateau	boat
oiseau	bird
mère (f)	mother
père	father
cheveux	hair
yeux	eyes
lapin	rabbit
jardin	garden
cahier	exercise book
grenier	attic

How to play the game

1. All the cards are placed face down and spread out on the table in front of the players.
2. The game is played as a matching pictures pairs game, only this time the matching pairs are rhyming written words.
3. Players must take turns to turn over two cards at random.
4. If they have a rhyming pair they say the two words.
5. If the pair does not rhyme they turn the cards back over and try to remember for next time where each card is.
6. When a player finds a matching pair he/she looks to see if the pair is pictured on their board.
7. If it is, they place counters or coins on the appropriate pictures and put the cards to one side. If the cards aren't pictured, he/she puts them back in the middle of the table, face down.
8. The winner is the player who completes their board first.

Extension/variation

- Players could play the game using boards and words they have created themselves. They could use vocabulary they already know (chosen either individually or as a group) or use dictionaries to look up new words.



Rhyming pairs game cards

pantalon

crayon

français

anglais

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supermarché

mère

père

bateau

oiseau

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lapin

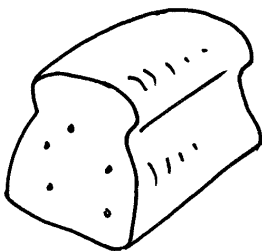
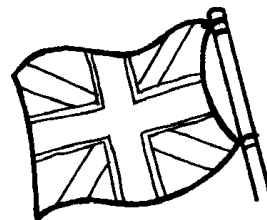
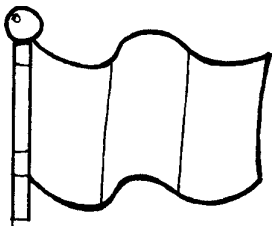
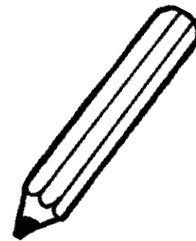
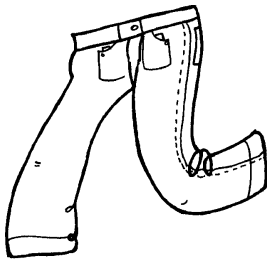
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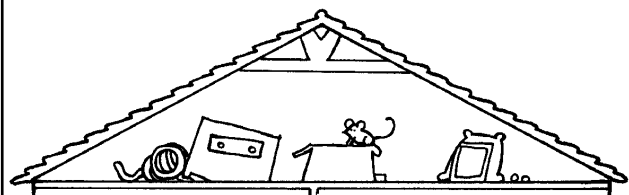
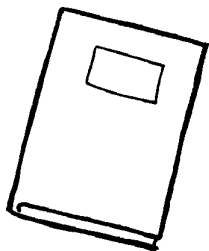
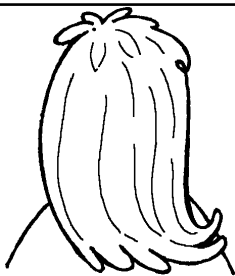
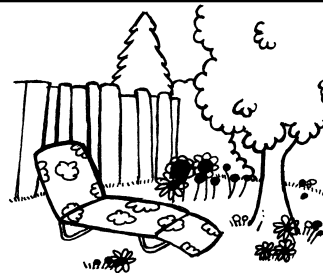
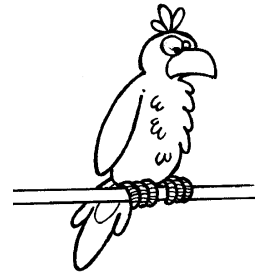
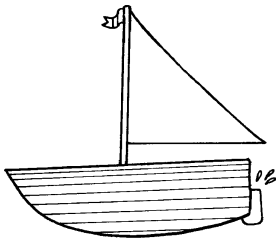
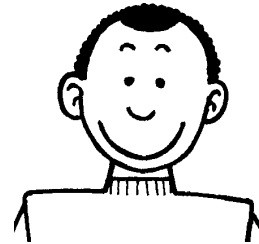
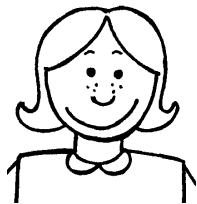
cahier

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Rhyming pairs board



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