The Rhyming Reader


## INSTRUCTIONS



Don'trush. The tortoise always wins in this race.

## HINT

Coming down the home stretch. In this book we cover common endings like ED and ING, together with some simple compound words.

Again, all you have to do is what you've been doing. Encourage the little guy to split each word into parts and to assign a single sound to each part. But note that the first part may be a little bigger than before: HAN and DY to make HANDY, or ROCK and ING to make ROCKING.



$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { BERRY } \\
\text { MERRY } \\
\text { FERRY } \\
\text { CHERRY } \\
\text { VERY }
\end{gathered}
$$

a very merry cherry berry


$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { DIZZY } \\
\text { FIZZY } \\
\text { TIZZY } \\
\text { BUSY }
\end{gathered}
$$

Dizzy Lizzy likes it fizzy.



FUNNY
BUNNY
sunny
MONEY
HONEY
His honey bunny likes money.




$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { NEEDLE } \\
& \text { TWEEDLE } \\
& \text { WHEEDLE }
\end{aligned}
$$

Alice met Tweedle Dee
and Tweedle Dum.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { WIGGLE } \\
& \text { If you giggle and wiggle } \\
& \text { your lines will squiggle. }
\end{aligned}
$$




JUGGLE SNUGGLE SMUGGLE STRUGGLE

For some, it's a struggle to juggle. For others, it's not.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { HOP - HOPPED } \\
& \text { STOP - STOPPED }
\end{aligned}
$$

DROP - DROPPED


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { FLOP - FLOPPED } \\
& \text { CHOP - CHOPPED }
\end{aligned}
$$

Double the $P$ and add ED.

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { SAG-SAGGED } \\
\text { WAG-WAGGED } \\
\text { TAG-TAGGED } \\
\cdots A G-B A G G E D \\
\text { He zigged and he zagged } \\
\text { and then he gotbagged. }
\end{array}
$$

PUFF - PUFFED
HUFF - HUFFED
STUFF-STUFFED
SCUFF-SCUFFED

He huffed and he puffed and he stuffed his face.


Holiday Inn

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { PLAY - PLAYED } \\
\text { PRAY - PRAYED } \\
\text { STAY - STAYED } \\
\text { LAY - LAID } \\
\text { PAY - PAID }
\end{array}
$$

He paid then he stayed.



$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { HOPE - HOPING } \\
\text { MOPE - MOPING } \\
\text { COPE - COPING } \\
\text { SLOPE - SLOPING } \\
\text { ELOPE - ELOPING }
\end{array}
$$

Drop the E and add ING.


$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { LOCK-LOCKING } \\
\text { MOCK-MOCKING } \\
\text { ROCK-ROCKING } \\
\text { BLOCK-BLOCKING } \\
\text { SHOCK-SHOCKING }
\end{array}
$$

The clock was ticking and tocking.


$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { ZIP - ZIPPER } \\
\text { CHIP - CHIPPER } \\
\text { FLIP - FLIPPER } \\
\text { SNIP - SNIPPER } \\
\text { SKIP - SKIPPER }
\end{array}
$$

Double the $P$ and add ER.


$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { EVER } \\
\text { NEVER } \\
\text { LEVER } \\
\text { SEVER } \\
\text { CLEVER }
\end{gathered}
$$

Does never mean forever?


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { FAVOR } \\
& \text { FLAVOR } \\
& \text { SAVOR }
\end{aligned}
$$

Mama called the doctor


and the doctor said: "Savor the flavor."



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { CHANCE } \\
& \text { FRANCE } \\
& \text { PRANCE } \\
& \text { TRANCE }
\end{aligned}
$$

You can tell at a glance that Vance likes to dance.


$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { SINCE } \\
\text { WINCE } \\
\text { PRINCE } \\
\text { CONVINCE }
\end{array}
$$

The cook makes mince meat for Vince the prince to eat.


## DUNCE

ONCE
WUNCE

Don't be a dunce more than once.



DICE
RICE NTCE SLICE $C$ sounds like $S$ Use a pencil to find the center of that circle.



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { ROUGH } \\
& \text { TOUGH } \\
& \text { SLOUGH } \\
& \text { ENOUGH }
\end{aligned}
$$

If you cough on the trough be sure to wipe it off.


$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { EDGE } \\
\text { HEDGE } \\
\text { DREDGE } \\
\text { PLEDGE } \\
\text { WEDGE }
\end{array}
$$

He put an edge on the hedge.


## JUDGE

 NUDGE GRUDGE sMUDGEIt's hard to budge when you trudge in the fudge sludge.


CAGE
PAGE STAGE
GAuGE
long A, G like J
a strange interchange
on the range by La Grange


GEM
GIN
GYM
a gypsy with a gentle giraffe


$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { ACHE } \\
\text { ECHO } \\
\text { CHORD } \\
\text { CHORUS }
\end{array}
$$

CH like K
I'm dreaming of a
monochrome Christmas


HOSE NOSE POSE ROSE Rose in a pose with a nose like a hose.


## THESE

CHEESE
THOSE
CHOSE

These chose cheese.
Those chose prose.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { JAMB } \\
& \text { LAMB } \\
& \text { DUMB } \\
& \text { NUMB } \\
& \text { CRUMB }
\end{aligned}
$$



The plumber pinched his thumb.


## TRASH <br> GNASH

SAW
$G N_{N A W} A W$

a gnarly gnome
with a gnat and a gnu
SIGN

ALIGN
DESIGN RESIGN
MALIGN
a fine design for a sign



OFTEN
SOFTEN
HUSTLE
BUSTLE
a thistle with a whistle



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { HURRY } \\
& \text { HURRIES } \\
& \text { HURRIED }
\end{aligned}
$$

We carry them. He carries us.
We all are carried.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { FUNNIER } \\
& \text { FUNNIEST }
\end{aligned}
$$

$Y$ and I say $E E$

I am happy.
She is happier. He is happiest.


AL
GAL SHALL

Hal and Sal are pals, you see. And forever and ever so shall be.



Here we have a half-dozen halves of Half \& Half.


## AGAIN <br> uh-gen

I've said it before
And Ill say it again. I love you now,
and Ill love you then.
AMEN


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Benny has many. } \\
& \text { Jenny doesn't have any. }
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { FEATHER } \\
& \text { LEATHER } \\
& \text { WHETHER } \\
& \text { TOGETHER }
\end{aligned}
$$

Heather likes tether
ball in any kind of weather.


HEAD
DEAD
READ
BREAD
THREAD

Push the red instead, I said!


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { READY } \\
& \text { STEADY } \\
& \text { HEALTH } \\
& \text { WEALTH }
\end{aligned}
$$

Health and wealth can
make you steady and ready.

HEAVY
CHEVY LEVEE

> I took my Chevy to the levee and boy was it heavy!
GIVE LIVE POSITIVE NEGATIVE
short I looking like long I
If you give, you may live.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { RIVER } \\
& \text { LIVER } \\
& \text { GIVER } \\
& \text { SHIVER } \\
& \text { SLIVER }
\end{aligned}
$$

short I looking like long I
He delivered a quiver.
MAN

WOMAN
WUHAN

## MEN WOMEN

> Notwhatyou'd expect.


Only the skilled
join the builder's guild.


FATHER BOTHER

Don'tbother your father!

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { PONDER } \\
\text { YONDER } \\
\text { WANDER } \\
\text { SQUANDER }
\end{array}
$$

I want to wander over yonder to squander.




## BULL FULL PULL WOOL

pulling the wool over his eyes

## AWFUL LAWFUL WAFFLE FALAFEL

Awful waffles
should be unlawful.


## FROM

 sOME COME Some come from far away. Some come from very far away.
## INCOME

OUTCOME
AWESOME IRKSOME


A welcome mat. Or is it?


## NOTHING <br> NUH-THING



Nothing rhymes with nothing.
And it's hard to picture, too.

not much rhyme or reason here


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { OTHER } \\
& \text { MOTHER } \\
& \text { BROTHER } \\
& \text { ANOTHER }
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { MUD } \\
& \text { CRUD } \\
& \text { BLOOD } \\
& \text { FLOOD }
\end{aligned}
$$

UD spelled OOD
Sometimes a flood
leaves a lot of crud and mud.
BUBBLE RUBBLE
DOUBLE TROUBLE
A double bubble. Trouble?





A swarm forms over Norm.



## QUART

 QUARTER QUARTERLY QUARTETA quarter of the quartet is reading a quarterly.

BOARD


BACKBOARD DASHBOARD DARTBOARD OVERBOARD onmum

I love to snowboard!

COARSE HOARSE HORSE
 I knew an old lady who swallowed a horse. She died, of course.



GORGE
FORGE GEORGE

George at the forge

## TERSE VERSE <br> CURSE NURSE PURSE

ROSES, RED.
VIOLETS, BLUE. SUGAR, SWEET. YOU TOO.
a love poem in terse verse


## MERGE VERGE URGE SPLURGE G like J

on the verge of an urge to splurge


$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { SERVE } \\
\text { NERVE } \\
\text { SWERVE } \\
\text { VERVE }
\end{array}
$$

Ma's still got nerve and verve.

## EARN LEARN YEARN

$E R$ spelled EAR

If you yearn to learn
you will get your turn.


## PEARL HURL TWIRL

IRL spelled funny

## Pearllearned

 to hurl and twirl.

> BIRD HERD HEARD

Little Bird heard the herd.

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { SEARCH } \\
\text { PERCH } \\
\text { BIRCH } \\
\text { CHURCH }
\end{array}
$$

a perch on a birch by a church

> EARTH BERTH MIRTH WORTH

## a berth on the earth



I heard the third bird.


$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { JERK } \\
\text { IRK } \\
\text { WORK } \\
\text { LURK }
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Still at work. } \\
& \text { Lurking with the Turk. }
\end{aligned}
$$

BURST WORST 3 FIRST VERSED
the first and the worst


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { WORLD } \\
& \text { SWIRLED } \\
& \text { TWIRLED }
\end{aligned}
$$

The world twirled and swirled.


Don't worry. It's only blurry because of the flurries. bee-cuz


## COLOR



Mr. Rubik's colored cube.

## THE SKY <br> IS FALLING!

$$
3 \cdot 8
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { TIP-OFF } \\
& \text { RIP-OFF } \\
& \text { LAYOFF } \\
& \text { PAYOFF } \\
& \text { PLAYOFF }
\end{aligned}
$$

Tip-off or rip-off?



$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { HARDBACK } \\
\text { DRAWBACK } \\
\text { PAYBACK } \\
\text { OUTBACK } \\
\text { SETBACK }
\end{array}
$$

a fullback and a halfback


## BATHROOM HOMEROOM MUSHROOM SHOWROOM PLAYROOM

Headroom in the bedroom?

## SWIMSUIT

## SNOWSUIT

 PLAYSUIT PANTSUIT LAWSUITso cute in a snowsuit


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { HOTSHOT } \\
& \text { LONGSHOT } \\
& \text { GUNSHOT } \\
& \text { EARSHOT } \\
& \text { SNAPSHOT }
\end{aligned}
$$

a snapshot of a jackpot

BASEBALL FOOTBALL SOFTBALL HARDBALL SPITBALL
a free fall in a snowball


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { ROWBOAT } \\
& \text { SHOWBOAT } \\
& \text { STEAMBOAT } \\
& \text { DREAMBOAT }
\end{aligned}
$$

I bet you can't say
toy boattoy boattoy boat.

