



Online Lesson Template

Title:	Rhyme Time Part 1
Discipline:	Spoken Word Poetry
Duration:	30-45 minutes
Age Range:	High School
Creator (Your Name):	Olisa Enrico
Materials:	paper/pen or a device to write with
Vocabulary:	Perfect rhyme, imperfect rhyme, word bank

Short Description:

Build a bank of rhyming words

Learning Goals:

You will learn to count bars

1. about perfect and imperfect rhyme
2. You will learn techniques to build a rhyming word bank

Activity Opening:

One of the beautiful things about rhyme is that it makes things easier to remember. Rhyming gives a sense of stability and cleverness. Let's play with Rhyme!!! In a rhythmic format called RAP: Rhythm and Poetry

Steps / Instructions:

- [Hip-Hop Rhyme Time with Olisa Enrico](#)
- This video supplements this lesson. Feel free to watch the video to clarify any of the pieces of this lesson

The first thing you need to know about is **BARS**

Listen to an instrumental. Any one you want but if you don't feel like searching for one feel free to use the soundcloud link below

<https://soundcloud.com/olisa/sets/beats-by-spyc-e>

NOTE: Not all music has four beats in each BAR/Measure

But a lot of music is written with four beats per BAR/Measure

Count along to the music. See if you can feel where the Bar begins

A line of a rap is equal to a BAR, 4 counts

When a rapper says they have a hot 16 they are referring to 16 BARS

Most of us are familiar with a four beats per bar structure.

A lot of nursery rhymes and children's books are built in this structure

Take green eggs and ham by Dr Seuss

Say the following outloud to a rhythm

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| Count off | • And 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 |
| Bar 1 | • I do not like them Sam I am |
| Bar 2 | • I do not like green eggs and ham |
| Bar 3 | • I would not eat them in a house |
| Bar 4 | • I would not eat them with a mouse |

You will notice that there are **rhymes** at the end of the line

Am rhymes with **ham**

House rhymes with **mouse**

THE GOAL TODAY IS TO CREATE A 4 BAR RAP/RHYTHMIC POETRY

The strategy I am going to show you today I like to call a rhyming word bank

If this is your first time crafting a rap you could try it with a simple one syllable word. And build up to more complex rhymes

Note: as you are building your rhyme bank you don't have to limit yourself to **perfect rhymes**- a **perfect rhyme** is when the only **SOUND** that changes is the beginning of each word

IMPERFECT RHYME: is when more than the first **SOUND** is changed but they sound similar.

PERFECT RHYME	IMPERFECT RHYME
rhyme/time/slime/crime/mime/dime	pen/wind/them/intent/
soon/tune/loon/dune	About/ south/ wound/clown

A simple way to build your Rhyming Word Bank

Choose the word you want to rhyme with (I will use the word FAITH)

Write the letters of the alphabet AND other sounds out in a list along the left side of your paper. Then use that to sound out words that start with or contain the sound. The Following is my list NOTE (this is not necessarily about the letter it is about the sound the letter makes)

FAITH

A	Ace	ate	ache	
B	abate	bait	base	
C	crate	cate	caper	
D	date	sedate	dissipate	
E	eight	eighth	evade	
F	face	fate	efface	
G	gauge	gate	ingrate	
H	hellacious			
I	imitate	innate	invade	
J	jade	gyrate	jane	
K	kate			
L	late	lame		
M	maim	main		

N	name	nape		
O	ornate			
P	propane			
Q	quaint			
R	rain			
S	same			
T	taint			
U				
V	vain			
W	wraith			
X	x-ray			
Y	yay			
Z	zany			
CH	chain			
SH	shame			

3- Either Create your own Rhyming word bank or add to the one I started

4- Save your word bank for PART 2 Building the Bars

Activity Closing:

Remember: these rhymes can be nonsense, similar sounds. If you are inspired to start with one rhyming word and the change the rhyme because a word reminded you of another that is fine. Don't limit your thoughts. This is a brainstorm of sorts. There are no wrong answers