

Rhyming Concentration

You Need:

Bristol board
Paper cutter and/or scissors and rulers
Pencils, erasers and markers
Envelopes

Instructions:

Brainstorm and chart as many rhyming words as possible. Talk about the patterns of the rhyming words. Note that words do not have to be spelled the same way to rhyme, but often have the same sequence of ending letters. From this, talk about word bases. Children and adults need to know lots of word bases. Word bases help to identify words more quickly and give confidence when spelling.

Create lists of rhyming words. Each list must have an even number of words so that each rhyming word has another to rhyme with.

Create the concentration cards out of the Bristol board. The cards should be 7.5 cm. by 10 cm. (3 in. by 4 in.). This activity can be used to practise measurement. You will need an even number of cards. The number made will depend on the number of rhyming words generated and/or the age of the child it will be used with.

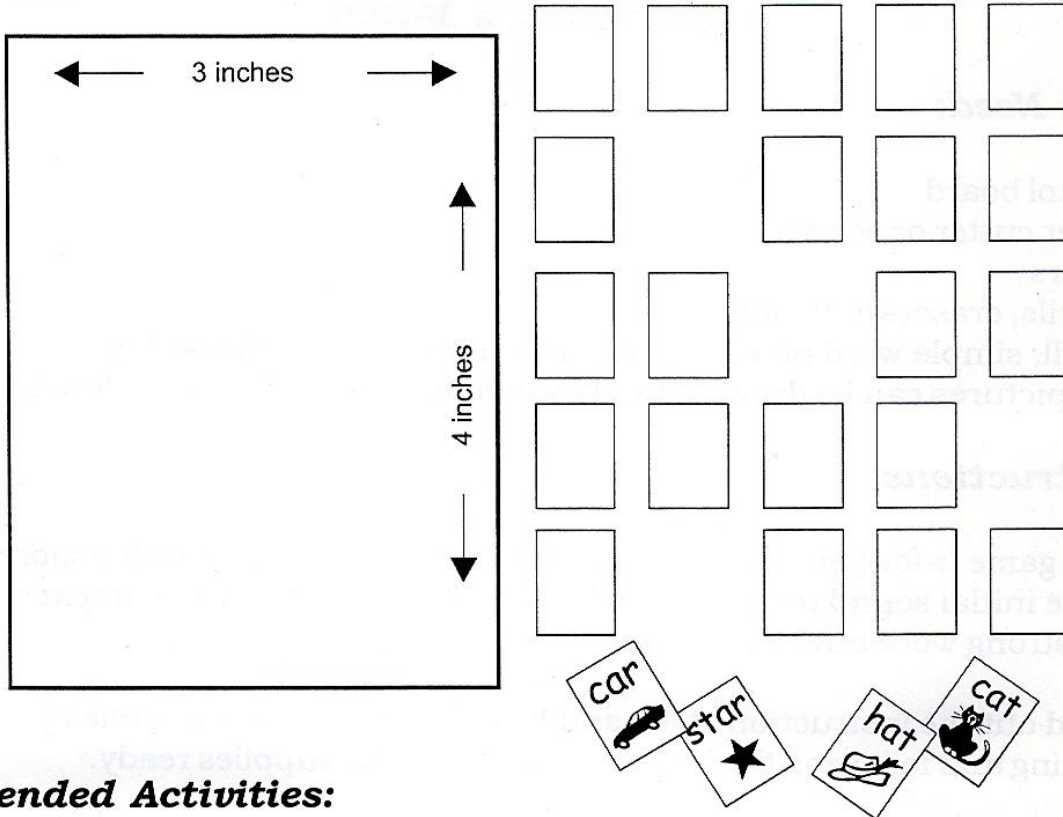
On each card write one rhyming word. Pictures can be added, if wanted.

To Play the Game:



Turn all the cards over on a table or the floor. To begin, make a grid of the cards. A pattern is easier to remember.

Each player turns over 2 cards and reads the cards out loud. If a rhyming pair is chosen, the player takes the pair and has another turn. If the cards do not rhyme, they are turned over and put back in the same place. Then, it's the next player's turn. The game is played until all the cards are picked up. The winner is the player with the most cards. Tell parents not to underestimate their child's ability to remember!!



Extended Activities:

The concentration game is very flexible and fun. It can be used to repeat or review the knowledge you want to become part of long term memory. For example, to remember numbers, regular playing cards can be used.

A more difficult extension of Concentration is to use this game to create compound words. Brainstorm many compound words and then divide them into single words. Create the concentration cards using these words. A compound word makes a winning pair.

