



Give it a Listen: Season 3, Episode 18: Good Cups/The Dog That Thought the Sunset Was a Ball

What's this activity about? Practice your rhyming skills and learn to rap along with music

What stuff do I need to do it? The Good Cups Beat mp3, and something to play music on

Chime in with Prime Rhymes!

In Good Cups, we turned a story written by Timothy from Florida into a hip hop song. Hip hop songs usually include rapping, which basically just means making up rhymes that you say along with a beat. On the same page where you downloaded this sheet, you can find the "beat" from that story, with nobody rapping over it. That's because in this game, YOU'LL be the one making up the rhymes. Here's how it works: get a few family members or friends together, and turn on the music. Then take turns saying rhymes over the beat. You can start out super simple if you want, and just rhyme one word at a...Time! Slime! Rhyme! Chime! Lemon and Lime!

If one word at a time gets too easy, you can say a whole sentence, and just rhyme the last word in the sentence. Here's how it sounded when the Story Pirates tried it:

Rolo: Hi everybody my name is Rolo!

Meghan: We can rhyme together or we can rhyme solo!

Nimene: I bowl in slow-mo, my ball will roll slow!

Peter: Look, over there--snacks! OUCH I STUBBED MY TOE! WOAH!

Here are a few rhyming tips that will help you play:

- If you don't know where to start, you can make a rhyme out of your name, like Rolo did. Or, if your name isn't as easy to rhyme as "Rolo" you can use a nickname, or initials. ("My name is Rachel, but call me RW/Initials are easy, it really shouldn't trouble you.")
- If you're not sure what to rhyme next, think about the alphabet and try rhymes alphabetically. You can go from bolo (a type of tie) to YOLO, and everything in-between. (And if you're not sure whether something is a real word, look it up! Maybe you've never heard of "polo", but you'll find out it's a sport where people ride horses!)
- If you're really stuck, you can sometimes use a sound effect to create a rhyme. "WOAH" is just something Peter said when he hurt his toe. You could make up any sound effect you want. "CRASH!" "SPLASH!" "SHHHHRRAASH!"
- In a rap, you don't always have to make an exact rhyme. Nimene's "roll slow" isn't an exact rhyme for "Rolo"...but it was pretty close, and we thought it sounded cool, and that's all that really counts in this game!
- If you want an extra challenge, try to rhyme more than once in a sentence. "bowl in slow-mo" is an example of a sentence that rhymes the "o" in "Rolo" more than once.

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