

# N is for Nursery Rhymes

Why are nursery rhymes so important in early childhood?

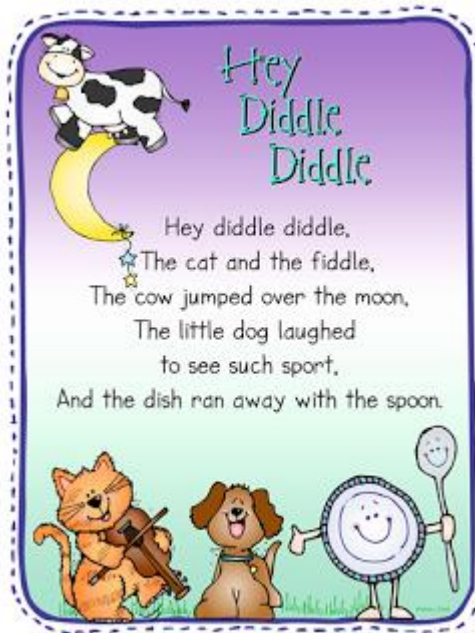
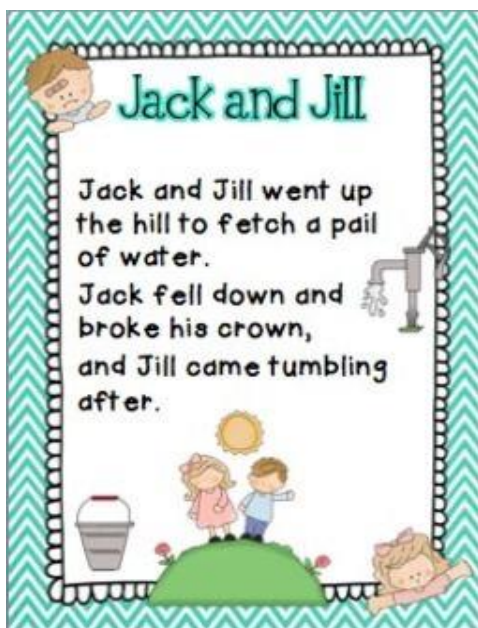
***“Experts in literacy and child development have discovered that if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they're four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they're eight. “***

**- Mem Fox, Reading Magic.**

Nursery rhymes provide bite-sized learning opportunities for young children to develop key developmental skills and can often be the trigger for hours of creative and open-ended play. They are a powerful learning source in early literacy and enable children to become interested in the rhythm and patterns of language. Many nursery rhymes are also repetitive which can support the development of memory and kick start the practice of listening and speaking.

For more information of the benefits of Nursery Rhymes go to

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/news-and-views/pacey-blog/october-2019/the-importance-of-nursery-rhymes-in-early-childhood/>



## Question

**How many do you remember from childhood?**