

## English Pronunciation: Rhyming Words

Due to the many different origins of the English language, words which rhyme in English may or may not end with the same letters, and not all words that end with the same letters, rhyme. Here are some examples of words which rhyme:

Rhyme with "hole":	Rhyme with "sweet":	Rhyme with "nerd":
coal	suite	word
console	meet	bird
control	meat	heard
roll	elite	absurd
bowl	seat	third
soul	complete	curd

Note: None of these words rhyme - **hear** / **heard** / **bear** / **beard**

**Exercise 1.** Read the following rhyming words:

Rhyme with "ate":	
bait	date
eight	gate
great	hate
late	mate
plate	straight
trait	freight
state	create
wait	weight
tolerate	dictate

Rhyme with "site":	
byte	excite
bright	flight
fight	write
height	kite
night	knight
unite	quite
right	invite
upright	tonight
white	meteorite

**Exercise 2.** In each list below, find the one word that doesn't rhyme with the first:

Example: **log**: frog, monologue, vogue, epilog, dog

1. **heard**: word, beard, nerd, bird, curd
2. **chord**: ford, sword, fraud, word, board
3. **meet**: sweet, feet, sweat, suite, defeat
4. **fire**: desire, tyre, higher, liar, sir
5. **fork**: talk, walk, torque, work, cork
6. **here**: clear, we're, near, were, pier

**Exercise 3.** Read the following sentences, which use rhyming words, then write the correct sentence, using the correct words.

1. Eye love ewe.

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2. Please weight four me.

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3. High! Eye eight for eggs four breakfast.

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4. Eye two, like ewe, eight dinner at knight.

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**Exercise 4.** Practise saying the rhyming words in the following songs.

a) Eric Clapton – Wonderful Tonight

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4\\_QuMkOdCI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4_QuMkOdCI) (4 mins)

b) Supertramp – Logical Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNDdn4de35Y> (4 mins)