

# Give a Dog a Bone

## Primary Objectives

15a. Notices and discriminates rhyme

## Why It's Important

"This Old Man" is a familiar song to young children and often one of their favorites. Your child will enjoy making up new verses of the song to sing at school and share with her family and friends.

## Materials

Paper; markers

## What You Do

1. Invite your child to sing "This Old Man" with you. Explain to her that she will help create new verses to the song by offering new words that rhyme. Review the first verse of "This Old Man" with her before asking her to fill in new words. *This old man, he played one. He played knick knack on my drum, with a knick knack, paddy whack, give a dog a bone. This old man came rolling home.*
2. Ask your child to tell you some words that rhyme with one. Record her responses on the paper.
3. Insert one of your child's suggested words into the song and then sing it together. Remember that the focus of the activity is to rhyme, so it is okay to have words that do not make sense. *This old man, he played one. He played knick knack on my fun....*
4. Continue with additional verses as long as your child is interested. Commonly sung words include the following:

*one....drum  
two....shoe  
three....knee  
four....door  
five....hive  
six....bricks  
seven....heaven  
eight....gate  
nine....line  
ten....hen*