

## Phonological Awareness 1

I'm going to say some words. Say *yes* if they rhyme and *no* if they don't rhyme.

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|------------|--------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| 1. cat     | hat    | <i>yes</i> | 21. shelf   | shovel | <i>no</i>  |
| 2. fog     | hog    | <i>yes</i> | 22. seven   | eleven | <i>yes</i> |
| 3. sit     | hat    | <i>no</i>  | 23. star    | far    | <i>yes</i> |
| 4. cake    | bake   | <i>yes</i> | 24. cap     | cup    | <i>no</i>  |
| 5. set     | sun    | <i>no</i>  | 25. night   | light  | <i>yes</i> |
| 6. coat    | goat   | <i>yes</i> | 26. bag     | bug    | <i>no</i>  |
| 7. kite    | fight  | <i>yes</i> | 27. sock    | sick   | <i>no</i>  |
| 8. cut     | cat    | <i>no</i>  | 28. snail   | trail  | <i>yes</i> |
| 9. foot    | pool   | <i>no</i>  | 29. slipper | zipper | <i>yes</i> |
| 10. late   | gate   | <i>yes</i> | 30. bank    | band   | <i>no</i>  |
| 11. fair   | far    | <i>no</i>  | 31. map     | lap    | <i>yes</i> |
| 12. boy    | toy    | <i>yes</i> | 32. fist    | fast   | <i>no</i>  |
| 13. dug    | rug    | <i>yes</i> | 33. field   | shield | <i>yes</i> |
| 14. cash   | crush  | <i>no</i>  | 34. comb    | foam   | <i>yes</i> |
| 15. feel   | meal   | <i>yes</i> | 35. thirty  | dirty  | <i>yes</i> |
| 16. letter | litter | <i>no</i>  | 36. dime    | dome   | <i>no</i>  |
| 17. file   | pile   | <i>yes</i> | 37. puzzle  | muzzle | <i>yes</i> |
| 18. train  | truck  | <i>no</i>  | 38. store   | stare  | <i>no</i>  |
| 19. flight | fire   | <i>no</i>  | 39. school  | pool   | <i>yes</i> |
| 20. crow   | sew    | <i>yes</i> | 40. towel   | shovel | <i>no</i>  |

## Riddles 8

Listen carefully to what I say and guess where I am.

1. My gauge is on empty so I pull into the next one I see. I take the nozzle from the pump and begin filling my tank. Where am I? *gas station*
2. I put my money here to keep it safe and to earn interest. I have a checking account here. I can also get a loan from this place to buy a home or a car. Where am I? *bank*
3. My class is here on a tour. The officer shows us the jail. We meet the captain, and he lets us take turns sitting in a squad car. Where am I? *police station*
4. The lines are long, but I don't care. The log ride is my favorite! I ride it as many times as I can. I also enjoy the Ferris wheel. You can see everything from the top of a Ferris wheel. Where am I? *amusement park*
5. First we find a spot that's level and surrounded by trees. Then I gather wood for the fire while Dad sets up the tent. Where am I? *woods, camping, campground*
6. What a hot day! I'm glad our town has this place to cool off. I can't swim very well, so I need to stay in the shallow end. My brother can jump off the diving board. Where am I? *swimming pool*
7. The stage curtains are closed. The audience members are in their seats. My best friend has the lead role. My aunt made some of the costumes, and I helped with the set. Where am I? *play, auditorium, theater*
8. The judge comes in and we all stand. The jury is in the jury box. The defendant, the plaintiff, and the attorneys are ready. The first witness is called. Where am I? *courtroom, trial*

## Following Directions 14

Sometimes directions are hard to follow. Listen to each direction and tell why it is hard to follow.

1. Write your answer here.  
*I don't know where "here" is.*
2. Draw a trat near the foop.  
*What is a "trat" and "foop"?*
3. Please cut my hair.  
*You didn't say how to cut it.*
4. Go to the corner and walk.  
*How far should I walk and in what direction?*
5. Teach me how.  
*How to do what?*
6. Open your books.  
*Which books and to what page?*
7. To get to school, turn on Second Street.  
*Which way do I turn?*
8. Go to the gym to pick up the equipment we need.  
*What equipment do we need?*
9. Do some math problems for homework tonight.  
*Which math problems?*
10. Read a chapter by tomorrow.  
*Which chapter?*
11. Bring your money for class pictures tomorrow.  
*How much are the pictures?*
12. Submit your entries to the Science Fair by next Monday.  
*Who do I submit my entry to?*

## Details 12

Listen to these short paragraphs. Then answer my questions.

1. Neal's hands were shaking. He took some slow, deep breaths and tried to ignore the butterflies in his stomach.  
How does Neal feel? *nervous*  
How do you know? *See underlined words.*
2. Stacy held her arms out at her sides and whirled around and around. When she stopped the room seemed to be spinning.  
How does Stacy feel? *dizzy*  
How do you know? *See underlined words.*
3. Luis yawned and stretched his arms above his head. He rubbed his eyes and tried to concentrate on his homework.  
How does Luis feel? *tired*  
How do you know? *See underlined words.*
4. Jennifer held her head high and smiled at the cheering crowd. She felt her heart swell as the judge placed the gold medal around her neck and the band began to play her national anthem.  
How does Jennifer feel? *proud*  
How do you know? *See underlined words.*
5. Yolanda's eyes blazed as she clenched and unclenched her hands. She slammed the door behind her and stomped down the stairs.  
How does Yolanda feel? *angry*  
How do you know? *See underlined words.*
6. Hiroshi's hands trembled as he turned the doorknob of the old, deserted house. His heart was pounding so hard, it felt like it might pop out of his chest. As the door swung open, Hiroshi's eyes grew wide and he started to breathe in short, little gasps.  
How does Hiroshi feel? *frightened*  
How do you know? *See underlined words.*
7. Luisa's face was bright red. She'd been daydreaming again. The teacher was standing right next to her and all her classmates were laughing. Luisa felt like crawling under her desk to hide.  
How does Luisa feel? *embarrassed*  
How do you know? *See underlined words.*
8. Sergei sighed and slumped down in his chair. He looked at the clock again. The hands had barely moved, but Sergei felt like he'd been waiting forever. He wished he'd brought a book to read to help pass the time.  
How does Sergei feel? *bored*  
How do you know? *See underlined words.*

## Main Idea 3

Tell me the main idea for each group of words I say.

1. football, baseball, soccer, basketball.  
*Main Idea: balls to play sports with*
2. Venus, Mars, Pluto, Jupiter  
*Main Idea: planets*
3. liver, onions, skunk, dirty socks  
*Main Idea: things that smell bad*
4. title, theme, characters, plot  
*Main Idea: parts of a story*
5. front page, sports section, want-ads, comics  
*Main Idea: parts of a newspaper*
6. fullback, halfback, center, guard  
*Main Idea: football player positions*
7. movie, TV program, concert, video  
*Main Idea: things to watch*
8. Tigger, Wizard of Oz, Pinocchio, The Three Bears  
*Main Idea: storybook (fictional) characters*
9. shark, octopus, stingray, whale  
*Main Idea: sea animals*
10. door, window, book, box  
*Main Idea: things you can open and close*
11. lawyer, plumber, electrician, chef  
*Main Idea: occupations (jobs, careers)*
12. Mrs., Mr., Ms., Sir  
*Main Idea: titles*
13. Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota  
*Main Idea: states (midwestern states)*
14. scuba dive, swim, canoe, ski  
*Main Idea: things you can do in the water*

## Radio/TV Information 8

Listen to the announcer. Answer the questions.

1. "Sorry, folks, all the tickets for the Rock Fest Concert have been sold out."  
Can you still buy tickets for the concert? *no*
2. "*America's Funniest Home Videos* will be back to announce the winners after this commercial."  
What will happen before the winners are announced? *A commercial will be played.*
3. "Whitney Houston's new CD will be available on November 3rd."  
In what month will Whitney Houston's CD be available? *November*
4. "It's almost certain we'll have rain and a few thunderstorms tomorrow."  
What's one activity you wouldn't be able to do tomorrow? *Answers will vary.*
5. "The quarterback was the hero again yesterday as the Packers beat the Lions."  
What team did the Packers beat? *the Lions*
6. "The mayor announced that more people now have jobs in the city than at any time in its history."  
Who made the announcement about the jobs? *the mayor*
7. "Come on down to Smiling Al's for the best deals on wheels. We have the best new and used selection in the state."  
What does Smiling Al sell? *cars*
8. "Tuesday is double day at the Burger Barn. You'll get one free cheeseburger for every one you buy."  
What do you need to do to get a free cheeseburger? *buy one cheeseburger*
9. "After the break, I'll play two songs in a row from today's most popular female singer."  
How many songs in a row will be played by the same singer? *2*
10. "The New York Knicks are in one of the worst losing streaks of their history. The team has dropped ten straight games but will try to rebound tonight."  
How many games have the Knicks lost? *10*
11. "Get out there and enjoy the day today. After some morning showers, the skies will be clear and blue."  
When might it rain? *in the morning*
12. "Today only, get \$5 off any CD you buy at Music Monster."  
How long does the sale last? *today only*

## Everyday Messages 6

Listen to each message and answer the questions.

1. Myleek called. Please pick him up on your way to the movie tonight.  
Who's the message from? *Myleek*  
What's the message? *Pick him up on the way to the movie tonight.*
2. Your cousin Ian called. He'll be here on Wednesday instead of Thursday.  
Who's the message from? *Ian*  
What's the message? *He'll be here on Wednesday instead of Thursday.*
3. Mrs. Holmes said Phil can't play street hockey after school today. He has to go to a make-up trumpet lesson.  
Who's the message from? *Mrs. Holmes*  
What's the message? *Phil can't play street hockey after school today.*
4. School groups are encouraged to enter the Community Pride Day Parade on September 3. The parade begins on River Drive at 10:00 a.m. Call the city office to enter.  
Who's the message for? *school groups*  
What's the message? *Enter the Community Pride Day Parade.*
5. Jenny called to say that she and Stacy are going in on a birthday present for Amanda. They want to know if you want to pitch in for it, too. Let Jenny know sometime today.  
Who's the message from? *Jenny*  
Who's the message for? *me*  
What's the message? *Let Jenny know today if I want to go in on a birthday present for Amanda.*
6. Rick said to tell Devon he'll be late for the game. He has to baby-sit his little sister until his dad gets home. He'll just meet Devon at the game. Tell Devon to save him a seat!  
Who's the message from? *Rick*  
Who's the message for? *Devon*  
What's the message? *Rick will meet Devon at the game. Devon should save Rick a seat.*
7. Mr. Hansen wants to know if your sister can baby-sit this Saturday night from 7:00 to 10:00. She should call him back before Friday.  
Who's the message from? *Mr. Hansen*  
Who's the message for? *my sister*  
What's the message? *Can she baby-sit Saturday night?*  
When should she return his call? *before Friday*