

Chester van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme

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Synopsis: Rhyming has always come easily to Chester van Chime. But one day he loses his gift and struggles to find the right words.

Suggested Reading Date: National No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day – Sept. 1; National Rhyming Day – July 20th; National Poetry Month – April

Activity Descriptions:

- During the read aloud, have students say what the rhyming word should have been.
- Have students come up with their own ways to describe words that don't rhyme as Chester did and then have other students guess what the rhyming word should be.
- Teach what rhyming means:
 - Video that teaches about rhyming <https://youtu.be/tigr-asB1z0>
- Have students practice finding rhyming words:
 - Video to guess the rhyming words <https://youtu.be/uWHPH3WMjME>
 - PBS Rhyming game: <https://pbskids.org/games/rhyming/>
- Have students discuss their favorite hobby and how they would feel if they could no longer do that activity anymore and relate to how Chester felt when he lost his ability to rhyme.
- Discuss what to do when you are having an "off-day." Invite community members in creative fields such as poets, artists, chefs, and performers to talk with students about their work and how they handle setbacks.

Related Websites:

- Author's Website: <https://www.averymonsen.com/>
- Illustrator's Website: <http://www.abbyhanlon.com/>
- Storytime Kit from Hachette Book Group: https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Chester-Van-Chime-Activity-Kit.pdf?_ga=2.76533973.119096193.1665107561-1743229052.1661398281
- Teaching Tips from Little, Brown, and Company: <https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/PR6043-Chester-Van-Chime-Teaching-Tips-final.pdf>
- Book Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/635436855>

Text to Text Connections:

- *Rhyming Dust Bunnies* by Jan Thomas
- *Frog on a Log?* by Kes Gray & Jim Field
- *Ricky, the Rock Who Just Couldn't Rhyme* by Mr. Jay

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