

A Sky little cat



To play **Catch the Match** you are going to need

- **Catch the Match game board** (print the image, preferably on card-stock paper,)
- **Catch the Match picture cards** and word list (print on card-stock paper. You may choose to cut out each individual picture card if you are going to play the game with one child)
- 2-4 game pieces (or pennies, checkers, etc.)
- a dice

2. Preparation

Put the game board and cards in front of your child and identify all of the pictures for him, to be sure you both use the correct word for each image (e.g., *cat* and not *kitty*). The printed word list is there only to make sure you use the correct words, NOT to show the child. Do not show the word list to the child, as he is not ready for written words yet.

Spread out the set of two pages of picture cards, face up, near the game board, and put the game pieces (one per player) in the START circle. The child throws the dice and moves forward. Have him identify the picture on that space. Then he must look among the two picture cards pages for one that rhymes with the one on the game board.

If he makes a match, he should say both words out loud. If he can't find a rhyming card, he moves his game piece back to where it was before and his turn ends. When you take your turn, ask your child to help you identify the pictures and find the rhymes. Continue until both of you reach the end of the board game path.

3. Confidence Builder

When the child has landed on a game board picture, give him only one page of pictures to use to find the card that rhymes with the game board picture.

4. Extension

Instead of using the set of picture cards, have the child try to generate his own rhyming word to match the board picture he lands on.

Resources

Inspiration and game instructions came from <https://sightwords.com/phonemic-awareness/rhyming/catch-the-match/>

