

### Enjoyment and choice

Think about all the nursery rhymes you know. Can you remember all the words? See if your adults can remember ones from when they were little. You will be surprised by how many there are!

### Finding and using information

Choose your favourite animal. Using books and the internet, find out five facts about the animal. You could make a fact file about it drawing a picture for each fact.

### Understanding and evaluating

Put an adult in the 'hot seat'! Think of five questions to ask them about when they were little. Remember, a question is something you don't know the answer to but would like to find out.

### Phonological awareness

Play a remembering game like ... "I went to the shops and I bought a ...." Take it in turns to add something to the list. The next person has to remember all the things on the list and then add one thing.

### Tools for listening and talking

Choose a favourite story. Who are the characters in the story? Can you tell the story back to an adult. What happens first, then, next, finally?  
Tell the story again using a different animal or person as the main character. Imagine if Goldilocks tried to blow down the three little pigs houses or Little Red Riding Hood met the gingerbread man in the woods!

### Tools for reading

Choose a different letter each day. See how many times you can find that letter in one hour. Challenge your adult to see who can find the letter the most times. It could be on clothes, on DVDs, on food packaging, in books, on boxes, in newspapers, on TV. Letters are everywhere!

### Creating texts

Using your online reading book or a 'real' one, copy the title page including the picture. Try to include as much detail as possible. Use the same kind of text for the title as the author did. If you want to, continue with the book, copying each page and illustration. Make it into a book to give as a present.



## Literacy: Early Level Home Learning Challenges

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_



### Tools for writing

Practise writing your name by copying over or underneath. When you are confident, try to write it without copying. Compare it to the original. Did you miss out any letters? Is there a capital letter at the beginning only? When you have mastered it move on to your full name using the same technique, then your name and address! You can copy and learn tricky words, the days, the months, anything that you like!

### Other Curricular Area Challenges

#### I Spy a Sound

Try a game of listening I Spy outdoors. Listen quietly for a while and then give clues to the sound you are listening to; e.g. It makes a buzzing noise or it sounds like bzzzz.

#### Letter Hunt

Try your letter hunt outdoors. You can look on car number-plates, on lampposts, on drain covers, on shop signs. Letters **are** everywhere!

#### Outdoor Senses Poem

After a walk outdoors make up a poem based on things you see, hear, smell, taste, or touch.  
"I see a ....  
I hear a ...  
I smell a ....  
I touch a ...