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# Finish the Poem

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

April is National Poetry Month. Last week, we challenged you to remember some classic lines of poetry. This week, we go all the way back to the first kind of poetry that most people are introduced to – nursery rhymes. We’ve provided the first part of a classic nursery rhyme. Can you finish it correctly?

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year’s blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may “buzz” in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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## QUESTIONS

1. Jack and Jill went up the hill / To fetch a pail of water. / Jack fell down  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Rock a bye baby, on the tree top, / When the wind blows the cradle will rock, /  
When the bough breaks the cradle will fall, / And \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A-tisket a-tasket / A green and yellow basket. / I wrote a letter to my love / And  
on the way \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Hey diddle diddle, / The cat and the fiddle, / The cow jumped over the moon. /  
The little dog laughed to see such sport, / And \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Mary, Mary, quite contrary, / How does your garden grow? / With silver bells,  
and cockle shells, / And \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Hush, little baby, don't say a word, / Papa's gonna buy you a mockingbird. / And if  
that mockingbird don't sing, / Papa's gonna \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The itsy-bitsy spider / Climbed up the waterspout. / Down came the rain / And  
\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Little Jack Horner / Sat in the corner, / Eating a Christmas pie; / He put in his  
thumb, / And pulled out a plum, / And said, \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Baa, baa black sheep / Have you any wool? / Yes sir, yes sir / Three bags full. /  
One for my master / One for my dame / And one for \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In a cavern, in a canyon / Excavating for a mine / Lived a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Hush-a-bye, don't you cry, / Go to sleep my little baby. / When you wake you  
shall have / All the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. This old man, he played one; / He played knick-knack on my thumb. / With a  
knick-knack, paddy whack, / Give a dog a bone; / \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Mares eat oats and does eat oats, / And little lambs eat ivy, / \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Jack Sprat could eat no fat / His wife could eat no lean. / And so between the two  
of them, / \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Georgie Porgie, Puddin' and Pie, / Kissed the girls and made them cry, / When the  
boys came out to play / \_\_\_\_\_.

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## ANSWERS

1. ... and broke his crown, / And Jill came tumbling after.
2. ... down will come baby, cradle and all.
3. ... I dropped it.
4. ... the dish ran away with the spoon.
5. ... pretty maids all in a row.
6. ... buy you a diamond ring.
7. ... washed the spider out.
8. ... "What a good boy am I!"
9. ... the little boy / who lives down the lane.
10. ... miner, a forty-niner / And his daughter, Clementine.
11. ... pretty little horses.
12. ... this old man came rolling home.
13. ... a kid'll eat ivy too, wouldn't you?
14. ... they licked the platter clean!
15. ... Georgie Porgie ran away.