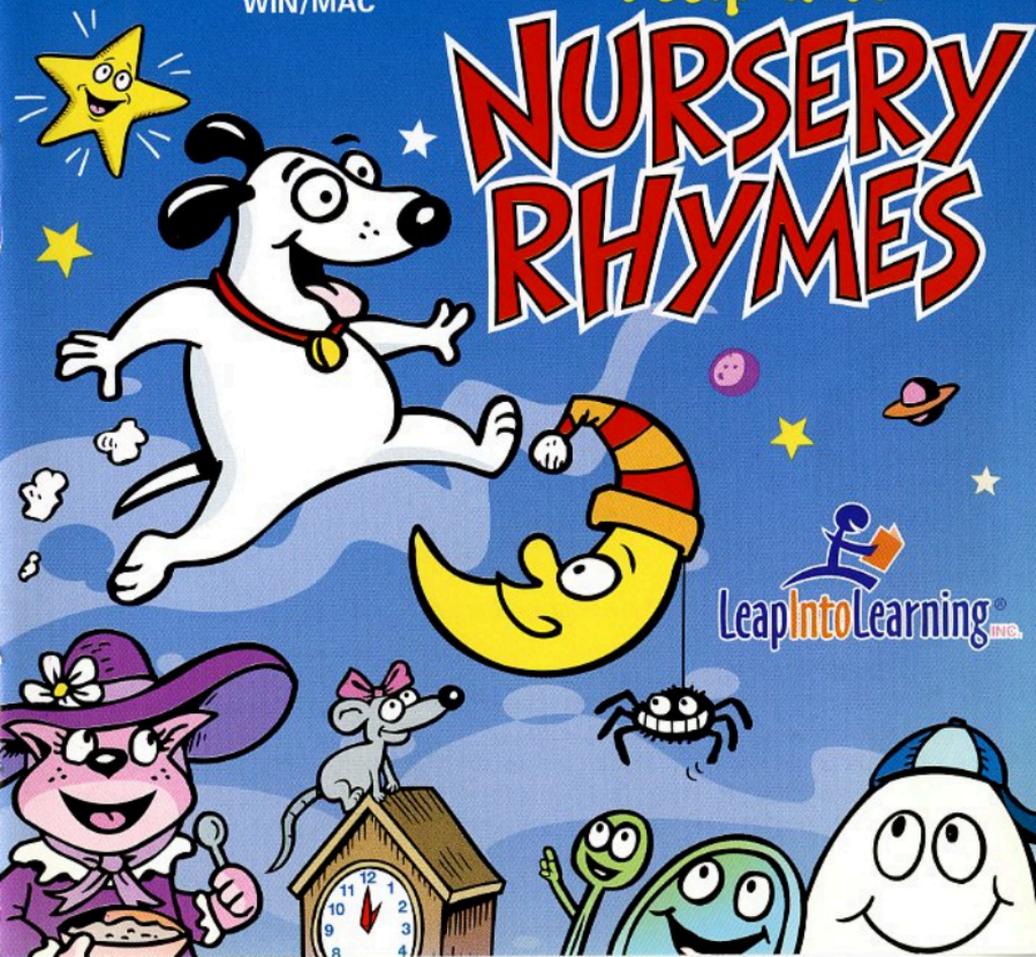


Ages 3 - 6
WIN/MAC

Leap Into[®]

NURSERY RHYMES



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System Requirements

To operate **Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes**, your system must have the following:

Macintosh® Systems

- CPU: 68040/33 Processor or higher
- System Software: System 7.5.3 or later, including OS X Classic
- CD-ROM drive: 4X or better
- 16MB physical RAM free
- Mouse
- Monitor: Minimum 256 colors
- Microphone that comes with your Macintosh

Windows® Systems

- CPU: Pentium 90 MHz or better
- Operating System: Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP
- CD-ROM drive: 4X or better
- 16MB physical RAM free
- Mouse
- Monitor: SVGA card for 256-color display
- Sound card: 8-bit 100% SoundBlaster compatible
- Speakers or Headphones
- Built-in or external microphone, depending on your hardware

Notes on Voice Recording

- Windows sound cards that are not SoundBlaster compatible will not support sound recording.
- The program's recording software relies on Microsoft's MCI for recording. The WAV recording function of MCI itself does not work reliably on most NT systems. Therefore, sound recording will not be available on WIN NT machines.
- Sound recording may not function on Mac LC475 and Mac LC 575 machines.

Getting Started

To install and start **Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes** on a Windows or Mac computer, simply follow the instructions below. **Be sure the Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes CD is in the CD drive when you use the program.**

Macintosh®

- Turn on your computer and close any open applications.
- Turn off Virtual Memory in the Memory control panel.
- Insert the Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes CD into your CD-ROM drive.
- Double click on the “Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes” CD icon on your desktop.
- Double click on the “Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes Installer” icon and follow the installation instructions.

To start the program:

- Double click on the “Hard Drive” icon on your desktop.
- Find the “Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes” folder and double click on it.
- You will see the Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes icon. Double click on it and the program will begin.

Windows®

- Turn on your computer and close any open applications or windows.
- Insert the Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes CD into your CD-ROM drive.
- Double click on the “My Computer” icon on your desktop.
- Click on the “Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes” icon.
- Double click on “Install.EXE” and follow the instructions.

To start the program:

- After the installation is completed, click on “Start” (lower left on screen).
- Select “Programs” and then “Leap Into® Learning”. Next select “Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes” and its icon. The program will begin.

Troubleshooting: See the “Readme.txt” file on the Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes CD for solutions to various issues.

Using the Toolbar



The toolbar is at the bottom of the screen. In the toolbar you'll find icons that will help you navigate the program. To choose an icon, simply click on it.

Here's what each toolbar icon does:

- 1 – Click on Hound Dog Harry if you need help, or want a question repeated.
- 2 – Takes you to the Nursery Rhymes games.
- 3 – Takes you to the Word Play games.
- 4 – Takes you to the Voice Recorder.
- 5 – Turns the background music on or off.
- 6 – Exits completely out of the program.



Click the forward arrow to skip the demonstration, or to go to the next question.



Click the back arrow to start over.

What is Phonemic Awareness?

Phonemic awareness is the ability to consciously hear and manipulate the **sounds** in words. Becoming aware of the **sounds** in spoken language will ultimately enable children to use these sounds in reading and written language. Parents often help their children develop phonemic awareness by asking playful questions such as "*What rhymes with cat?*" or "*What has the same beginning sound as ball?*" Research has proven that most children who develop this skill in the early stages of reading development will later read more easily and effectively.

Using Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes with Your Child

Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes is designed to expose your child to favorite nursery rhymes, but also to help your child develop *phonemic awareness*. We recommend that you use the software with your child, helping him/her read the nursery rhymes and find the right answers in the Word Games. Also, in your everyday interaction with your child, try to play word games similar to the ones in this program. You both will have fun!



A Note From the Publisher

Dear Parents and Teachers:

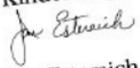
Welcome to **Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes!** This software was created to support all children as they start their lifelong journey of reading and learning. Like you, we believe it's vital that every child learns to read - and it's a skill every child deserves.

Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes is designed for children ages 3 to 6. However, younger and older children can use this software to develop and enhance their awareness of sounds in words, which is called "phonemic awareness".

We realize this term is probably unfamiliar to you, but it is important to the reading success of your child. In fact, one of the best predictors of future reading success is a high measure of phonemic awareness in kindergarten. This has been scientifically proven by The National Institutes of Health and researchers throughout the world. To help you better understand phonemic awareness, we have included an explanation inside.

We encourage parents to use this program with their child, and teachers can use it to reinforce classroom lessons. With **Leap Into® Nursery Rhymes**, children can begin to understand the code that will help them discover a vast world of words and meaning.

Kindest regards,



Jan Estreich
President and Founder
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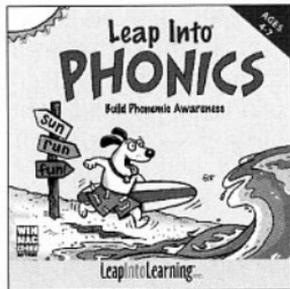
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PreK, K, 1st Grade

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PreK, K, 1st Grade

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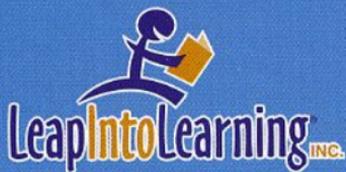
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