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### Limericks & Nursery Rhymes

“Nursery rhymes” is really a generic term. It covers a variety of poems for kids—the **lullabies, counting games, clapping songs, finger & toe games, riddles and rhymed fables** that introduce us to the rhythmic, mnemonic, allegorical uses of language in songs sung to us by our mothers and other elders.

The usage of such poems only dates from the late 18th/early 19th century and in North America the term "Mother Goose Rhymes", introduced in the mid-1700s, is still often used.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nursery\\_rhyme](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nursery_rhyme)

<http://poetry.about.com/od/nurseryrhymes/tp/nurseryrhymevarieties.htm>

### 1. What is a nursery rhyme?

#### a) Warm up. What is the connection between the pictures:



#### Discuss:

- Can you answer the question in the subheading of the unit?
- When you remember your childhood what poems for children come to your mind first? Do they mean something in your language?
- Do you know ancient Russian lullabies, tongue twisters?

#### b) Read the text & explain the meaning of the words in bold.

##### Answer the questions:

- What do nursery rhymes serve as?
- Why do children learn nursery rhymes?

A nursery rhyme is a short rhyming story, often set to music and usually designed for young children, such as those in a nursery. Songs for children are a part of many cultures, and they often **serve as an oral record of** important political and historical events. They also can preserve archaic forms of language. In the English language, the bulk of commonly used nursery rhymes date from the 16th-18th centuries, with some originating in Europe and others, such as *Humpty Dumpty*.

Typically, a nursery rhyme has simple vocabulary and a **catchy** rhyme. Children can quickly learn to sing along with a nursery rhyme, and nursery rhymes are often used to help young children build their vocabulary. Counting is often **integrated** into nursery rhymes as well, so children also can learn to count using