

NO RHYMES ALLOWED!

By Steve Heron

I don't like rhymes. There are none in this book.

So don't even bother to have a ... **peek**.

Strawberries are red, baboon butts are blue.

Most books rhyme, but this one ... **doesn't!**

You won't find a rhyme here ... or there.

You won't find a rhyme any ... **place**.

There's no use looking, you won't have any luck.

Don't expect a rhyme from this silly ... **goose**.

Nothing here that rhymes with these hats.

Illustrator note: (Page full of different hats - maybe a cat's tail sticking out from under one)

Forget it. No rhymes allowed!

Rhymes ... are ... so ... b o r i n g.

You won't find a rhyme no matter your age.

Don't even bother turning another ... **leaf**.

Just give up! You won't have any fun.

Don't keep looking when I've told you there's ... **zilch, zippo, diddly squat**.

No rhymes here – only a pink hippo having a shower.

None here either – just meerkats looking super cool.

An aardvark and an armadillo dressed up as superheroes.

Weird, wacky and wild, but no rhymes.

You won't find a rhyme on top of this house.

It's a moose. **Near rhymes don't count.**

If you keep on looking it will break you little heart.

You'll have much more fun sniffing a smelly ... **sock.**

Not one rhyming couplet you are likely to find,

So quit now! You're wasting your precious ... **energy.**

Are you still looking for something that rhymes with these hats?

*(Illustrator note:
Page of hats again
– with another
cat's tail)*

Unbelievable! Persistent, aren't you?

Okay then, I'll let you have just one tiny, incy, wincy little rhyme.

Cucumbers are green, carrots are orange.

Rabbits are cute, my hair is *(rub this spot with the little finger of your left*

hand while scratching your left ear with your right hand to reveal the hidden word)

Didn't work? Ha! Tricked you. Nothing rhymes with orange.

Have fun trying to find something to rhyme with any of these words.

Almond Angel Bulb Circus
Film Husband Month Purple
Silver Walrus Wasp

How d'you go? I bet you made some words up.

I've told you before, you've gotta admit,

No rhymes allowed, so you better ... **stop.**

Ahhhh! Stop! Halt! Cease! Desist!

I said, 'No rhymes allowed!'

Close the book and put it away.

Find something better to do with your ... **24 hours.**

Are you kidding me?

Why do you keep looking in this book for a rhyme?

It'll soon be over, and you'll have wasted your ... **minutes.**

What will stop you? **When will it end?**

Write your own rhyming poem or play with a ... **buddy.**

Please don't keep turning the pages of this book!

Go into the kitchen and find something to ... **bake.**

Fly a kite, draw a picture, kick a ball.

Can't you find something else to do at a.... aw ... almost!

Nearly. Phew, that ... was ... close.

Are you still looking for something that rhymes with these hats? (*Illus: Page of hats again*)

Oh no, blast, darn, dash and drats.

I wasn't counting on all these **cats**.

(Illustrator note: Page full of cats wearing hats)

Okay, you've won.

I guess rhymes can be fun?

Now, go and do something else!

And don't read this book again.

Pretty please?

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Potential Ideas for an appendix: (Afterthoughts)

Other words I could have rhymed with hats:

Bats, mats, pats, rats, brats, gnats, spats, formats, acrobats, Democrats, chats, diplomats, splats, drats (I did use that one), Aristocrats, Wombats, Muskrats, fruit bats, cricket bats, welcome mats, polyunsaturated fats, that's that.

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Words that ~~actually rhyme with~~ purple:

- A purple flower
- Amethyst
- Red and blue paint mixed
- Eggplant, Cabbage, turnip, Spanish onions, a plum, ripe figs, some grapes (not the green ones)
- Philopoena Phintwhistles best shoes
- A purple cake before it is eaten

- Crayons except for the ones that aren't purple
- Barney
- Blueberries (if they are purple why aren't they called purple berries?)
- Lavender (they even smell purple)
- One-eyed, One-horned, Flying Purple People Eater. (I've always wondered, *Is the monster purple or does it eat purple people?*)
- My baby sister when she holds her breath
- My lips after swimming in freezing cold water
- There actually is a real word that rhymes with purple. *Hirple* - A Scottish word meaning 'to walk with a limp, to hobble.'

Words that rhyme with orange

- Navel orange
- Bitter orange
- Agent Orange
- Mandarin orange
- Blood orange
- Juice of an orange
- Frozen orange
- Ripe orange
- Sweet orange
- Sunset orange
- Blorange - hair dye that is a mixture of blonde and orange
- Splorange - some obscure botanical word that's too hard to explain.

*There once was a girl whose hair was quite blorange
She loved to suck on a frozen ripe orange
Her lips turned purple
She walked with a hirple
Now she says crazy botanical words like 'Splorange.'*