

Let's Spell Blue

Teaching Ideas and Answers

1. Name all the blue things in the PowerPoint.
 - Bluebird
 - Hot air balloon
 - Sky
 - Kite
 - Clown
 - Eyes
 - Clothes
 - Water
 - Fish
 - Octopus
 - Jellyfish
 - Mailbox
 - School roof
 - Airplane stripes
 - Sailboat markings
 - There may be more...
2. Name and discuss the animals in the PowerPoint. For instance, where do they live? What do they eat? Can they fly or swim? Encourage your kids to use complete sentences to describe the animals and their behavior. Here are the animals in the PowerPoint.
 - Bluebird
 - Fish
 - Blue whale
 - Octopus
 - Jellyfish
 - Seahorse
 - Elephant
 - Penguin
 - Dog
 - Blue frogs
3. Name some other things that are blue. Here are a few:
 - Butterfly
 - Blueberries
 - Blue Jay
 - Smurfs
 - Cookie monster
 - Dolphins

4. The chorus of the song was designed to be memorable and predictable. This makes it easier for the kids to sing the most important part of the song. "How do you spell blue! B L U E. Let me hear you spell blue! B L U E." If you have enough kids, divide them into four groups. Group one is B, group two is L, group three is U and group four is E. The children will call out their letter in sync with the chorus. Or, don't assign letters to the groups. As the song plays, you act as choir director and point to whichever group you want to call out the individual letters. Point to different groups at random to keep the children on their toes!
5. I can spell blue is a fun and lively song that inspires dancing and organized movement. Show your little ones how to hold their hand up to their ear when the chorus lyric says "Let me hear you spell blue." Alternate between left side and right side. Have them clap in time with the lyric when it spells "B L U E".
6. As the song plays have your little ones move along with the lyrics. Flying, swimming and dancing! Great exercise!
7. I included the MP3 song file to give you a little more flexibility over how you use the music. Sometimes you may just want to play the song as background music during playtime. Or maybe as an organized group activity like the ones described above. So feel free to use it on whatever device you prefer. Load it on to your iPhone or burn it on to a cd.
8. The lyric sheet is an editable word document. Please use it in any way you see fit. Change the font size or type, change the page orientation. Print out individual phrases and have the kids draw a picture that corresponds to a phrase. For instance, "I want to fly up high in the sky so blue." Print out the whole thing and help your kids find popcorn words. There are quite a few in the song; can, you, the, like, is, me, blue, I, to, up, in, so, let, do, it, my, all, day.
9. I'm sure you will come up with other very creative ways to use the contents of this program. If you do and you feel like sharing, drop me a note at mike@rockrhythmandrhyme.com and I'll include your ideas (and give you credit for them) on the Rock Rhythm and Rhyme website.



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