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Bella and James sat on the grass.

"Let's play the rhyme game," Bella said. "First, you say a word. Then, I'll say a word that rhymes."

James nodded. "Truck," he said.

"Duck," Bella rhymed.

"House," James said.

"Mouse," Bella rhymed.

"Dog," James said.

"Frog," Bella rhymed.

"Can I do the rhyming now?" James asked.

"Yes," Bella said.

"Dress," James rhymed.

Bella laughed. "Wait. Yes wasn't my word. Here it is now."

"Cow," James rhymed.

"No," Bella said, laughing harder. "No, no, no."

"Go." James rhymed. "Go, go, go."

Bella laughed so hard she rolled on the grass.

James rolled next to her. Rhyming was fun!



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- - **c.** at the beach
    - d. in the morning



Whose idea was it to 2.

play the rhyme game?

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**b.** fog

c. go

- d. frog
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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.



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2. nodded

large animal that makes milk

- 3. mouse

moved head up and down

- **4.** cow

green plants that makeup a lawn

- 5. laugh

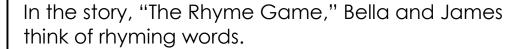
opposite of stop

**6.** go

• Ha, ha, ha!

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Write three sentences with rhyming words. Use a pair of rhymes in each.

	examples:	A <u>mouse</u> is in my <u>house</u> .	
		My <u>dog</u> chased a <u>frog</u> .	
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