# U1 Listening

## Before You Listen

Poets, authors of poems, will often use words that end with the same sound to make their poems more musical or interesting to read. [**Rhyming**](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/rhyming) is when two or more words end with the same sound.

Examples:

* cat - hat
* smile - while
* dear- near
* chair - care

Many poets will use rhyming in a repeated pattern. This makes the rhymes noticeable and sounds pleasant to the listener or reader. A pattern of rhyming is called a **rhyme scheme.** Rhyme schemes are often labeled with letters to show the order of the pattern.

### Example

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| **The Four Ages of Man**  by William Butler Yeats | Ending Sound | Rhyme Scheme |
| He with body waged a  **fight**  , | ight | A |
| But body won; it walks  **upright**  . | ight | A |
| Then he struggled with the  **heart**  ; | art | B |
| Innocence and peace  **depart**  . | art | B |
| Then he struggled with the  **mind**  ; | ind | C |
| His proud heart he left  **behind**  . | ind | C |
| Now his wars on God  **begin**  ; | in | D |
| At stroke of midnight God shall  **win**  . | in | D |

"ight" sound = A. "art" sound = B. "ind" sound = C. "in" sound = D.

Therefore, the rhyme scheme of this poem is AABBCCDD.

## Listen

### **Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night**

Click the link to listen to **Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night** by Dylan Thomas.

<https://youtu.be/1mRec3VbH3w>

## While You Listen

### Exercise 1.8

Listen to the poem by Dylan Thomas three times.

1. Listen to the poem the first time.

What words rhyme (end with the same sound)?

2. Is there a pattern to the rhyming?

3. Listen to the poem a second time. What emotions do you feel while listening?

4. Listen to the poem a third time. What words or phrases gave you that feeling?

## Listen

### Danny Boy

Click the link to listen to **Danny Boy** written by Frederic Weatherly and sung by Bing Crosby.

<https://youtu.be/lvXocq1c4dc>

## After You Listen

### Exercise 1.9

**Part A**

Listen to **Danny Boy** the first time.

What words rhyme (end with the same sound)?

Is there a pattern to the rhyming?

**Part B**

Listen to the poem a second time.

As you listen, circle the words that rhyme below. Then label the matching sets of rhyme A, B, C, etc.

**Danny Boy (Bing Crosby Arrangement)**

O Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling   \_\_\_\_

From glen to glen and down the mountainside   \_\_\_\_

The summer's gone and all the roses falling   \_\_\_\_

'Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bide   \_\_\_\_

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow   \_\_\_\_

Or all the valley's hushed and white with snow   \_\_\_\_

'Tis I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow   \_\_\_\_

O Danny boy, O Danny boy, I love you so   \_\_\_\_

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow   \_\_\_\_

Or all the valley's hushed and white with snow   \_\_\_\_

'Tis I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow   \_\_\_\_

O Danny boy, O Danny boy, I love you so   \_\_\_\_

**Part C**

What is the rhyme scheme for this poem? Circle the correct rhyme scheme.

     1. ABAB ACAC ADAD

     2. ABCB DADA DBDB

     3. ABCA ABCA ABCA

     4. ABCB DDDD DDDD

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