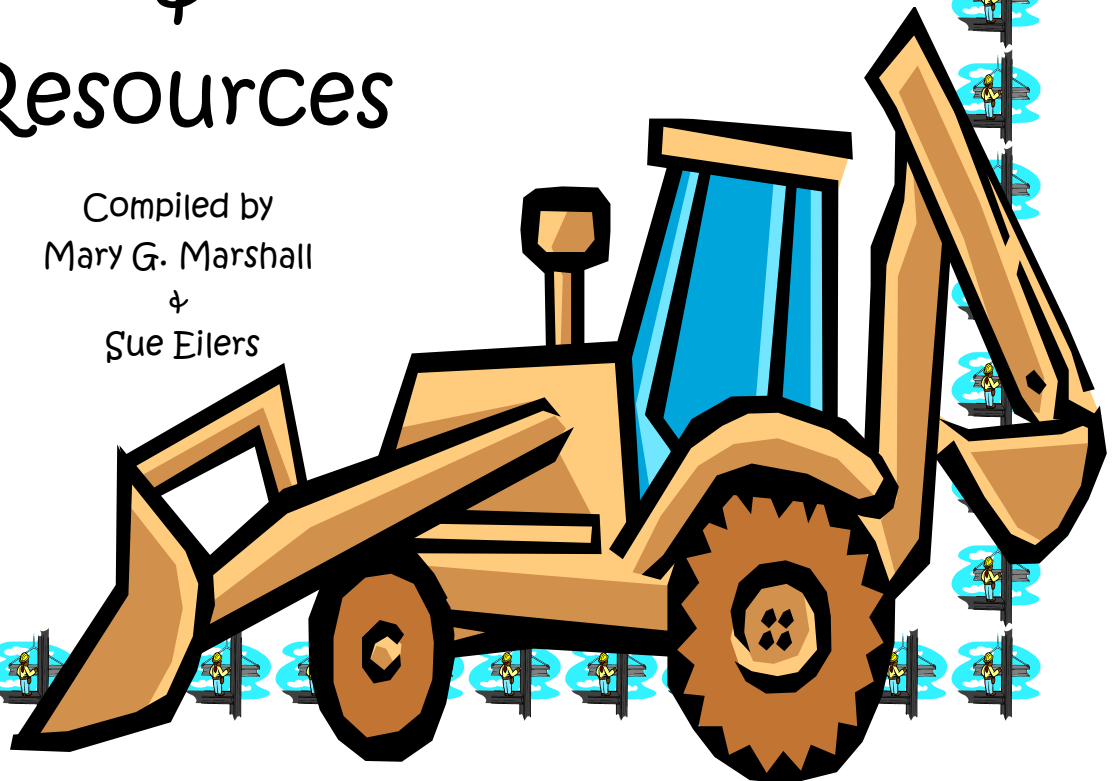


"B" is for Building

Rhymes & Resources

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Peter Hammers

(Traditional, adapted)

Peter pounds with one hammer, [*pound one fist*]

One hammer,

One hammer.

Peter pounds with one hammer this fine day.

Peter pounds with two hammers, [*pound both fists*]

Two hammers,

Two hammers.

Peter pounds with two hammers this fine day.

Peter pounds with three hammers, [*pound both fists and stamp one foot*]

Three hammers,

Three hammers.

Peter pounds with three hammers this fine day.

Peter pounds with four hammers, [*pound both fists and stamp both feet*]

Four hammers,

Four hammers.

Peter pounds with four hammers this fine day.

Peter pounds with five hammers, [*pound both fists, stamp both feet, nod head*]

Five hammers,

Five hammers.

Peter pounds with five hammers this fine day.

Peter's very tired now, [*yawn, rub eyes*]

Tired now,

Tired now.

Peter's very tired now. Peter's asleep. [*put head on hands and close eyes*]



Building Our House

(Mary Marshall & Sue Eilers)

Tune: "Wheels on the Bus"

The backhoe on the lot goes
Dig, dig, dig, *[make digging motions]*
Dig, dig, dig,
Dig, dig, dig.
The backhoe on the lot goes
Dig, dig, dig,
Building our house.

The cement mixer at the hole goes
Pour, pour, pour, *[make pouring motions]*
Pour, pour, pour,
Pour, pour, pour.
The cement mixer at the hole goes
Pour, pour, pour,
Building our house.

The saw on the house goes
Zzzz, zzzz, zzzz, *[make sawing motions]*
Zzzz, zzzz, zzzz,
Zzzz, zzzz, zzzz.
The saw on the house goes
Zzzz, zzzz, zzzz,
Building our house.

The hammer on the house goes
Bang, bang, bang, *[make pounding motions]*
Bang, bang, bang,
Bang, bang, bang.
The hammer on the house goes
Bang, bang, bang,
Building our house.

The brush on the house goes
Swish, swish, swish, *[pretend to be painting]*
Swish, swish, swish,
Swish, swish, swish.
The brush on the house goes
Swish, swish, swish,
Building our house.



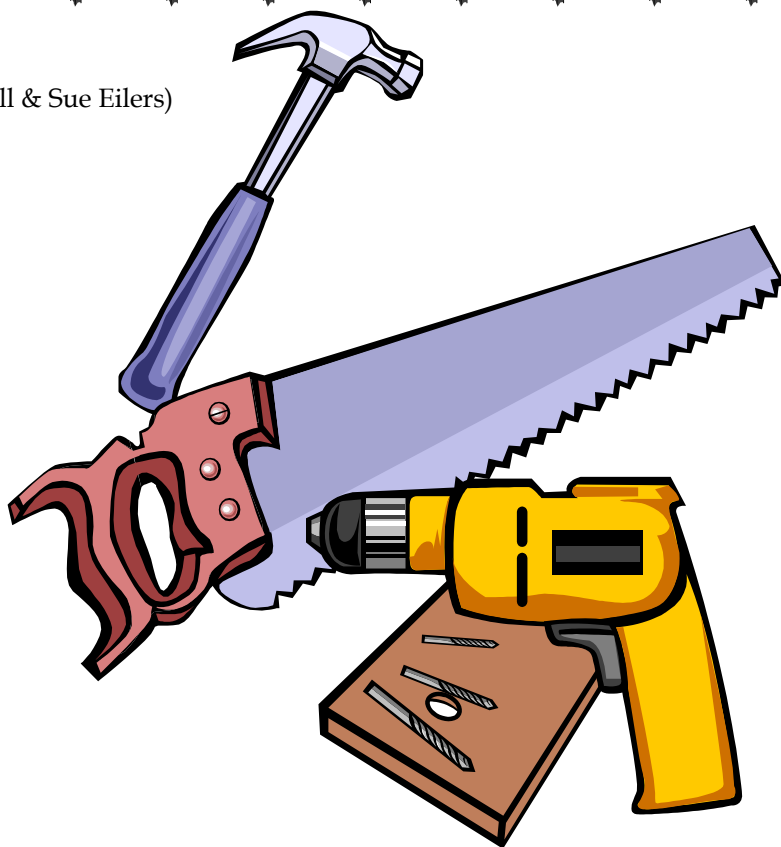
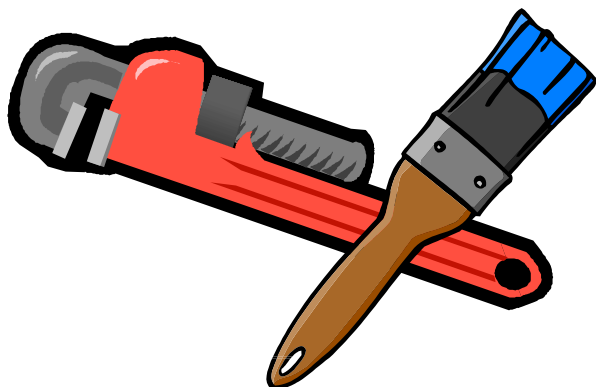
If I Had a Hammer

(Traditional, adapted by Mary Marshall & Sue Eilers)
Tune: "If I Had A Hammer"

If I had a hammer,
I'd hammer in the morning,
I'd hammer in the evening,
All over this house.
I'd hammer the nails in,
I'd hammer the nails in,
I'd hammer the nails for you,
My brothers and my sisters
All over this house.

If I had a rip saw,
I'd be sawing in the morning,
I'd be sawing in the evening,
All over this house.
I'd saw the boards up,
I'd saw the boards up,
I'd saw the boards for you,
My brothers and my sisters
All over this house.

If I had a drill,
I'd be drilling in the morning,
I'd be drilling in the evening,
All over this house.
I'd be drilling the holes out,
I'd be drilling the holes out,
I'd be drilling the holes for you,
My brothers and my sisters
All over this house.



If I had a pipe wrench,
I'd fix plumbing in the morning,
I'd fix plumbing in the evening,
All over this house.
I'd tighten all the pipes,
I'd tighten all the pipes,
I'd tighten pipes for you,
My brothers and my sisters
All over this house.

If I had a paint brush,
I'd be painting in the morning,
I'd be painting in the evening,
All over this house.
I'd be painting the walls blue,
I'd be painting the walls blue,
I'd be painting the walls for you,
My brothers and my sisters
All over this house.

Use with finger puppets or flannel board.



Five Little Nails

(Phelps/ Finger Tales)

5(4,3,2,1) little nails

Standing straight and steady.

Here comes the carpenter

With a hammer ready!

Bam! Bam! Bam! *[remove one nail]*

This may be used with finger puppets or a flannel board.



Five Little Houses

(Phelps/ Finger Tales)

One little house

All alone it stood.

Then another one was built

There grows the neighborhood.

Two little houses

All alone they stood.

Then another one was built

There grows the neighborhood.

Three little houses

All alone they stood.

Then another one was built

There grows the neighborhood.

Four little houses

All alone they stood.

Then another one was built

There grows the neighborhood.

Five little houses

All together they stood.

On a beautiful street

In a happy neighborhood.

This may be used with finger puppets or a flannel board.

My Favorite Machine

(Piggyback Songs, adapted by Sue Eilers & Mary Marshall)

Tune: "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean"

My favorite machine is a back hoe.
I sure like the way that it works.
My favorite machine is a back hoe.
Oh come watch my back hoe work!
Scoop dirt, scoop dirt, I sure like the way that it works.
Scoop dirt, scoop dirt, Oh come watch my back hoe at work.

My favorite machine is a dump truck.
I sure like the way that it works.
My favorite machine is a dump truck.
Oh come watch my dump truck work!
Dump dirt, dump dirt, I sure like the way that it works.
Dump dirt, dump dirt, Oh come watch my dump truck at work.

My favorite machine is a cement mixer.
I sure like the way that it works.
My favorite machine is a cement mixer.
Oh come watch my cement mixer work!
Pour cement, pour cement, I sure like the way that it works.
Pour cement, pour cement, Oh come watch my cement mixer work.

My favorite machine is a fork lift.
I sure like the way that it works.
My favorite machine is a fork lift.
Oh come watch my fork lift work!
Lift loads, lift loads, I sure like the way that it works.
Lift loads, lift loads, Oh come watch my fork lift at work.

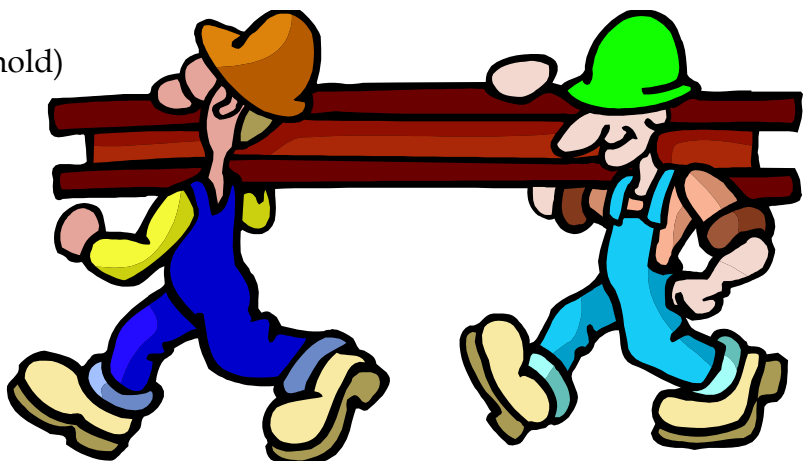


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