Worksheet

Rhyming

Name: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________

1. Identify the rhyme schemes of these song excerpts by placing the correct letter (A or B) in the blanks provided.

2. Circle words that are exact rhymes and underline words that are approximate rhymes.

When You Say Nothing at All
Paul Overstreet / Don Schlitz

It’s amazing how you can speak right to my heart
Without saying a word, you can light up the dark
Try as I may, I could never explain
What I hear when you don’t say a thing

The smile on your face lets me know that you need me
There’s a truth in your eyes saying you’ll never leave me
A touch of your hand says you’ll catch me if ever I fall
You say it best, when you say nothing at all

Desperado
Glenn Frey / Don Henley

Don’t you draw the queen of diamonds, boy, she’ll beat you if she’s able
You know the queen of hearts is always your best bet
Now it seems to me some fine things have been laid upon your table
But you only want the ones that you can’t get
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Rhyming (continued)

Name: ________________________________

I Hope You Dance
Mark D. Sanders / Tia Sillers

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty-handed
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens
Promise me that you’ll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance

NOW IT’S YOUR TURN!
Fill in the blanks to “Man in Black” with your own words or phrases. Follow the rhyme scheme on the right side of each line.

Man in Black
Johnny Cash

Well, you wonder why I always dress in ________________________________ A
(1 syllable)

Why you never see ___________________ colors on my ____________________ A
(1 syllable) (1 syllable)

And why does my appearance seem to have a ________________________________ B
(3 syllables)

Well, there’s a reason for the things that ________________________________ B
(3 syllables)

REMINDER

Rhyme scheme is the pattern of rhyming words at the ends of lines.
Exact rhymes have the same ending sounds, like “last” and “past.”
Approximate rhymes sound similar, like “age” and “fade.”