

Nursery Rhymes- Have volunteers recite the same nursery rhyme, using non-verbal means to portray different feelings and moods.

NURSERY RHYMES

Select a well-known nursery rhyme, such as "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Have each student who volunteers recite the rhyme, portraying one of these emotions:

excited
depressed

sleepy
angry

shy
nervous

Discuss with the class the fact that although the same words were used, the meanings were very different. What caused the meanings to change? (Tone, inflection, body position, facial changes, gestures, etc.)