

**Instructions for Using Cool Kid Rapper
Performance Version of
Cool Gray Granny Raps from A to Z
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Using the Soundtrack only (no video): The second track on the soundtrack CD is Cool Kid Rapper which is the performance version of Cool Gray Granny Raps from A to Z. This version - Cool Kid Rapper - is included so that kids can learn the rap and perform it with the music on Track 2.

The lyrics are provided below to make it easy to learn the rap. Once children learn the rap, they can use Track 2 to rap to the music, just for fun or as a class or neighborhood project with a different child performing each letter. Who knew learning could be so much fun!

Using the Video: Included on the video is Cool Kid Rapper, which is the performance version of Cool Gray Granny Raps from A to Z. This version is included so that kids can learn the rap and perform it with movie playing behind or to the side of the children who are performing the rap.

During the movie, ***Cool Kid Rapper***, Cool Gray Granny appears throughout the movie, so that children are rapping with Granny. The underlined lyrics indicate the lyrics said by Granny. Children can be silent during these lines or say them along with Granny. Have fun!

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LYRICS FOR COOL KID RAPPER

INTRODUCTION

I'm Cool Kid Rapper with Cool Gray Granny,
and I like to read books that rhyme,
but when I read books... out loud...
I'll be rapping the rhyme in time.

Now this book has a cast of characters
that's really pretty big,
but every one's important,
'cause they make words like bunny and pig.

Our characters are clever,
they can spell out everything
If you arrange them perfectly,
they can even spell their name.

Have you guessed what characters I'm talking about
there's 26 of them in all,
You'd be right if you said the ALPHABET,
read about them and have a ball!

A

A is a special character
because it can stand alone;
It doesn't even need a cane
or a very strong backbone.

It says that there aren't many,
but just one of anything:
Like a ball, a cat, a merry-go-round,
or a great big shiny ring.

A likes to be with friends like N
or T or S or M,
to make up little bitty words
like AN, AT, AS and AM.

Add a B or H or J
and things change fast - wham bam!
From AT to BAT or AS to HAS
or even AM to JAM.

B

B likes to be in front to start
off all the words just right:
By being bold to go before
the other letters might.

But when B moves to the middle of words
it turns into a double,
to make up words like flabby, nibble
babble, dabble, wobble, or bubble.

B can make a lot of sounds
like bark, baa, beep and barooom;
But nothing beats the best sound
which makes a great big BOOM!

B can be bad or be the best
and it can also say farewell;
But when it says bye, by, buy,
how on earth is it spelled?

C

C doesn't sound like its own name
except when it's with an E;
Like in Cecile, cease, or cedar
it says loud and clear, "It's me!"

The sound of C can be real soft
in the middle of a word;
Say ace or face or grace or dice
and an S, not C, is heard.

When C teams up with H it seems
lots of words are created with ease;
There's food like cherries, chicken, chili,
chips, chocolate and cheddar cheese.

There's always lots of action;
you can chase, chop, cheer or charge!
Dance a cha-cha, cash a check,
make change or go to church with Marge.

D

It's fun to sing songs with lots of D words
like Oh, doo dah day;
or Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay,
My, oh, my, what a wonderful day.

D is very often found
in pairs in the middle of words;
Fiddle-faddle, diddle-daddle are lots of laughs,
piddle-paddle is for the birds.

Some words have D at the beginning and end
like dared, died, David or dead;
And some are spelled the same from front or back
like Deed, Dud, Did or Dad.

If you add a D at the end of a word
it changes now into the past;
Bake, fake, brake becomes baked, faked, braked,
and skate becomes skated real fast.

E

E is very popular
in words both big and small.
It's found in more words than any other;
of all letters, it beats them all!

E likes to be together with others of its kind;
Bees, trees, knees, teepees,
feet, teeth, whoopee,
see how E's just love to bind?

A's another letter that goes with E
but no one really knows why;
'Cause together they often just sound like E,
so why does A even try?

Sometimes when E is at the end of a word
it doesn't make a sound;
Say force, more, wave, game, love, shore, brave;
no E sound can be found.

F

You could never be first without an F,
so think how important it is;
And you wouldn't have a face and you couldn't fly
or have a float with fizz.

F really likes to repeat itself
to make fluff as many words end;
Get off your duff, sniff a whiff, no riff raff,
puff your stuff,
do you have a muff to lend?

Double FF's in the middle of words
are very common indeed;
Shuffle, scuffle, ruffle, snuffle, piffle,
baffle, coffee, daffy,
how many more do we need?

There are other letters that make a sound
like double F likes to do;
Like laugh...rough, enough and cough
where GH makes an F sound, too!

G

Lots of great words begin with G
like gorilla, Godzilla and giraffe;
or words like glad, goofy, gibberish and giggle
that will make you want to laugh.

G can make sounds like grrr, gobble, growl, grunt,
grumble, gurgle, guzzle, and goo;
or name scary things like goblins, ghouls, grinches
or grizzly ghosts that go BOO!

When G teams up with an N sometimes
it simply can't be heard;
say gnarl, gnash, gnaw, gnome and gnat,
now isn't that absurd?

The place that G is used the most
is at the end of i-n-g;
in words like going, doing, seeing, playing
things happen right now, you see?

H

When H is found at the end of words
it's with its favorite letters;
Like C and S and even T,
they hang out with H together.

C and H make a chugging sound
like a choo-choo climbing out of a gulch.
They can be found in words like peach,
ouch, ostrich, smooch, teach and much.

When S stands with H what you hear is a sound
like the one that's heard in "shush";
or splash, swish, slosh, mish, mash, mush
or fish, flash, foolish and flush.

Bath, teeth, earth, mouth show T with H
but that's not all they can do;
thanks, this, thick, thin, three, thumb show
they can start lots of words off, too!

I

I is often by itself
and when it is it's big not small.
It also says it's about me, me, me,
I am the best of all.

I likes to hang out at the end of words
and make itself sound like E;
Confetti, Cincinnati, kiwi, macaroni,
pepperoni and safari.

Parcheesi, Mississippi, ravioli, spaghetti,
fettuccini and Waikiki;
There's just so many of those really fun words
that end with I but sound like E.

I also likes to team up with E
but I prefers to go first;
But if they're after C, then the I and E
are totally reversed.

J

Lots of J's begin names
like Jake, John, Janet, or Jay,
or Joanne...Jenny...Jim, Josephine,
Jessica, Jerry and Janae.

J also starts lots of really fun words
like jelly, jellybean and Jello;
jitterbug, jazz, jigsaw, jiffy, joke
jeep, jockey and jumbo.

J can change its sound to sound
like H, can you guess why?
Guadalajara, jalepeno, jojoba, Navajo
frijole - now isn't that sly?

Another cool thing is when E comes after G
the G sound just goes dead;
in gem, germ, gerbil, genie, gentle, or German
G sounds like J instead.

K

The sound of K is very clear
in the beginning of words like these –
Koala, ketchup, kiwi, keep, kick, kindergarten,
kiss, kite, kitchen and keys.

But when K's with N the N takes over
and K goes silent quickly;
know, knight, knack, knob, knit, knife,
knot, knuckle and knock knee.

At the end of a word C and K together
might just mean you're in luck;
Pick a peck, pack a snack, kick a rock,
smack cracker jacks,
or quack quack quack like a duck.

Many times a C can make a sound
a whole lot like a K;
Cab, caboose, cake, count, candle,
candy cane, camp, canary and café.

L

If you're looking for love you won't get far
without an L out front;
Because you won't have love but just a bunch of ove
if the L is absent.

Just like loco would be oco, light would be ight
and lilly would be illy;
Letter would be etter, last would be ast,
now wouldn't all of that be silly?

Have a long life or a large loud laugh
when L starts off a word;
Or lick a lollipop, learn a lovely lullaby
or lollygag with a lizard.

When L doubles up in the middle or end,
you can gallop and holler, too;
Play with balls, bells, balloons and bellybuttons
or have a jolly hullabaloo.

M

The colorful candy called M & M's
and Eminem the entertainer, too;
Have made this letter famous,
so give a cheer to M won't you?

It's no wonder that it's so popular,
'cause there so much that M's good for;
It makes marvelous moccasins, magical mountains
and... much much more.

Just a few songs use only M words
to be witty and delight;
Like Many mumbling mice
make merry, merry music in the moonlight.

Or a tune that your kitty cats sing a lot
when asking for their favorite chow;
it goes meow meow meow meow
meow meow meow meow
Meow meow meow meow
meow meow meow - wow!

N

When N begins a word enjoy yourself,
you can be whatever you choose;
Be naughty or nice or be a nervous ninny,
or a neighbor with a nose for news.

Or be a nutty nephew or a noisy niece,
or even a nimble neat nun;
There seems no end to the things you can be
with N words - isn't that fun?

In names of kids N likes to double up
and be right in the middle;
How many of these names can you think of
a lot or just a little?

How about Benny, Connie, Bunny or Vinny
Corinna and Danny, too;
Or Joanna, Donna, Dennis, Bonnie, Winnie,
Johnny, Penny or Jennylou.

O

If you want to make the sound of the letter O
there's more than one way to go;
You can do it with OA like in soap and boat,
or OE as in hoe or doe.

But there's still more if you look at all the ways
to spell out the sound of O;
Hope... go... bone, show, sew
and even the weird word beau.

If you didn't have an O you couldn't make sounds
like oooooooh and oh!
There'd be no words with O first and last
like Oreo, Orlando, Ohio.

And we'd really miss O's in animal names -
our favorites that are fun to say;
Octopus, orangutan, oyster,
ostrich, opossum, osprey.

P

P is probably most famous because
it's... the main feature;
In a kind of riddle that's hard to say -
it's called a tongue twister.

Picking a peck of pickled peppers
it was Peter, not Dick;
But how many pickled peppers
did Peter Piper pick?

Another cool thing about the letter P
is it begins words and ends them a lot;
Like pip, plump, peep, pickup,
pep, primp, pup and plop.

When there's a P in front and two in the middle
the words sound amusing and happy;
Pepper, poppa, pineapple, poppy, peppy,
puppet, popper, puppy and pappy.

Q

Q must be scared of being alone
'cause it's always with a friend;
But not just anyone will do
it's Q and U that like to blend.

They start off with another vowel
like A or I or E;
Making words like quarrel, Quebec, quarter,
question, quiet or quickly.

When Q and U are at the end of words
they like for E to be there;
To make up words that are pretty big
and fun to read, if you dare!

Try saying plaque or statuesque
or...Mozambique;
opaque, grotesque, communicate;
aren't those words fun to speak?

R

There's a lot of words that start with R so many, it's
almost frightening!
Look in the dictionary and you'll see
it really is enlightening.

There'll be racecars, refrigerators, radios
roadrunners, reindeer and raccoons;
You can roam, romp, read, roar, rip or rush,
rock and roll or rest in your room.

R's sometimes want to double up
just like other letters;
When moving to the middle of words
if they're together they like it better.

Like in carrot, burrito and barracuda,
cherry, earring and narrow;
Or squirrel, berry, barrel, and terrible,
sorry, furry, merry and sparrow

S

If you had a dog you wouldn't need an S
to spell out D-O-G;
But what would you do if you had more than one
dog or kitten or bee.

It would be pretty easy to add an S
like you'd do most of the time;
To change dog to dogs, kitten to kittens,
bee to bees, and that would be fine.

But it doesn't always work on every word
to add S all alone;
Sometimes you need an E to go with S
if the spelling rules are known.

When words end in CH, SH, S, X,
Z and... sometimes O;
Add ES to spell matches, wishes, buses,
foxes, buzzes and potatoes.

T

There are so many words that begin with T
that are really very fine;
But the ones we use most often
are when T and H combine.

They make words we couldn't do without
that are common as crows;
Like the, that, them, their, than, those, they, this
there's probably even more - who knows?

It's entertaining to make up sentences
with words that begin with T;
Like Tina and Tom, too tired to trot,
treated themselves to the taxi.

Or The teacher told the twins to take tea
to the three thirsty teams;
You can make up your own sentence
using T words by all means

U

Some of the words that start with U
are interesting and fun;
An udder is what milk comes from
a ukulele makes music in the sun.

The letter U is unique
because it has a special task;
It teams up with N to make U-N
and together they change words fast.

A word can have a different meaning
if U-N goes in front;
It will mean just the opposite,
now isn't that a clever stunt?

UNalike means you're different,
UNpainted means it's plain;
UNinformed means you don't know much,
UNwell means you could be in pain.

V

There are no English words that end in V
after V, there must be an E;
Like in brave, drive, have, alive
olive, pave, twelve and weave.

V can stand for Victory
which just means that you won;
And don't forget the popular fashion
for V-necked shirts and other clothes - there's a ton!

If you put up your index finger
and the one right next to it;
And open them out to form a V
you'll make a sign most people will get.

It stands for a wish for something nice
and that's for wars to cease;
And make the world a really great place
where everyone's at peace.

W

Some important words begin with W
when it teams up with H;
How on earth could we get along
without who, what, when, where, which?

There are quite a few words that start and end with W
and here's a few you might know;
How about willow, widow or wheelbarrow,
withdraw, wow or window.

An interesting thing about the letter W
is that it doesn't appear in two's;
Can you imagine double w's in a word
how would you say double u double u?

When R follows W, the W is silent
and R is loud and strong;
So when you're spelling out words don't forget the W
in wrap, wrestle, write, wrench, wrong.

X

There's only one page in the dictionary
for words that start with X;
And very few are commonly used
there's x-ray, but what comes next?

Xanthine, xenobiotic and xerography are too hard to
say - they'll make you groan;
And who knows what most X words mean,
thank goodness we have xylophone.

There are no animals that start with X,
and only names like Xavier or Xena;
And X doesn't begin any colors
or any places in Argentina.

But there are some things that X does well
one is it marks the spot;
And it sends kisses in the mail
and can cross out stuff to say it's not.

Y

Just like X, in the dictionary
the space Y takes up is a smidgin;
So there aren't many words that begin with Y,
how many can you imagine?

It's a funny thing how many Y words
are sounds that you could howl;
Like yammer, yip, yodel, yippee,
yikes, yelp and yowl.

Y is used most by hundreds of words
to be on the end;
And in just about every one of them
Y sounds like it's good E friend.

There are so many of these words,
you'll say - good golly Molly!
Kidney, teensy, wishy-washy, Albany,
penny, splashy, chewy, wonky, and volley.

Z

Now we've come to the very last letter,
it's good looking and never boring.
Several Z's together are very well known
because this stands for sleeping or snoring.

There aren't many words that start with Z
and not many you would know;
Zap, zebra, zany, zig-zag, zipper,
zombie, zoom, zillion, zoo and zero.

Quite a few words end in Z,
not many that you've ever heard of;
But there's really great words with double z's
some we use often and love.

Buzz, buzzard, snazzy, dazzle, fizzy,
dizzy... razzmatazz;
Jazzy, gizzard, fuzzy, puzzle, pizza,
sizzle, whizz and pizzazz

WRAP-UP

Our book has now come to an end,
but you can read it over and over;

So you'll know your alphabet and what it does,
and you'll be sitting in clover.

If you can spell out words and know what they mean
you'll always be entertained;

You can read lots of books with exciting adventures
or write stories from your own brain.

Or you can put your thoughts on paper,
to be read back some day;

Or use the letters to write letters,
to friends who are far away.

So don't forget to keep on reading and
writing your alphabet.

And rap along with Cool Kid Rapper,
and you'll memorize the whole book yet! YAY!

Cool Kid Rapper!

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