



Freestyle Cheatsheet

TIPS FOR FREESTYLING

1. **Start with...anything!** Just start saying random words and see what comes to mind. It's okay if you mess up, the point here is to practice!
2. **Find your flow** first by making random, nonsensical noises, then begin adding your words
3. **Find a starting sentence that will stabilize you in your rhymes.**
 - For example: You know I'm in a room, you know I bring the doom, you know I got a broom, you know I gotta zoom, you know I got the tunes and the moon and the dunes!
 - Notice how in each line, I stabilize my rhymes with: "You know I..."
 - Create your own stabilizing line and use it to ground your rhymes
4. **The Abc method:** to rhyme words on a dime, use the abc method where you replace the beginning of each word with the next letter in the alphabet. Note that it may not work for all words.
 - Example: the word is tat — at, bat, bat, dat, fat, gat, gnat hat, mat, rat...
5. **Use the environment around you:** What do you see? Who's around you? What do you notice? What can you make a rhyme out of? Start by naming random objects around you in a line.
6. **Encourage each other in the cypher!** If your friend messes up, keep hyping them up! We are not here to make fun of each other, we are here to help each other become better rappers
7. **Develop your skills by practicing every day** with freestyle instrumentals on YouTube.