

Sesame Street: Ernie and his Rubber Duckie - Jim Henson (1970)

Well, here I am in my **tubby** again. And my tubby's all filled with water and nice _____ **suds**. And I've got my _____ and washcloth to wash myself. And I've got my nifty scrub brush to help me **scrub** my _____. And I've got a big fluffy towel to _____ myself when I'm done. But there's one other thing that makes tubby time the very best time of the whole day. And do you know what that is? It's a very special friend of mine, my very favorite little _____.

Rubber duckie you're the _____
You make bath time lots of _____
Rubber duckie I'm _____ fond of you
Rubber duckie _____ of joys
When I _____ you, you make _____
Rubber duckie you're my very best friend it's true

CHORUS: Oh, every day when I make my _____ to the tubby
I find a little _____ who's **cute** and _____ and **chubby**
Rub-a-dub-dubby
Rubber duckie, you're so _____
And I'm lucky that you're _____
Rubber duckie, I'm _____ fond of you

Hey, rubber duckie would you like me to scrub your back with my little **nifty** scrub brush? You would okay, how's this? Hey, you want me to scrub behind your _____? Oh, I see you don't have any ears, do you? Well, how about your _____? Scrub his little duckie **tummy**. Oh, he's **ticklish** oh-hoo

**soap, one, fun, squeeze, fellow, fluffy,
joy, dry, awfully (2x), way, fine, yellow, mine,
ears, tummy, back, pal, noise**

1. _____ particularly good, skilful, or effective; attractive or stylish.
2. _____ (of a person) sensitive to being tickled (lightly touch in a way that causes mild discomfort or itching and often laughter)
3. _____ a friend. "we've been pals for a long time"
Similar: companion, comrade
4. _____ froth made from soap and water.
5. _____ rub (someone or something) hard so as to clean them, typically with a brush and water.
6. _____ fleecy, woolly, fuzzy
7. _____ attractive in a pretty or endearing way.
8. _____ firmly press (something soft or yielding), typically with one's fingers.
9. _____ plump and rounded.
10. _____ a tough elastic polymeric substance made from the latex of a tropical plant or synthetically.
11. _____ a person's stomach or abdomen.

📖 "Rubber Duckie" is a song sung by the Muppet character Ernie (voiced by Jim Henson) on Sesame Street. The song is named after Ernie's toy, a rubber duck **affectionately** named Rubber Duckie. It was nominated for the Grammy Award for Best Recording for Children in 1971.

📖 James Maury Henson (1936 –1990) was an American puppeteer, animator, cartoonist, actor, inventor, filmmaker, and screenwriter who achieved worldwide notice as the creator of The Muppets (1955–present) and Fraggle Rock (1983–1987); puppeteer and puppet character creator for Sesame Street (1969–present).

📖 *Wise Quacks: A History of the Rubber Duck*: In the middle of a **raging** storm in 1992, a cargo ship carrying a huge assortment of vinyl toys tipped over. Descending into the Pacific were nearly 29,000 tub playthings, including untold thousands of rubber ducks. **Bobbing** and drifting, the tiny yellow birds took weeks, months, and years to wash ashore in Hawaii, Maine, Seattle, and other far-flung locations. Their journeys were able to tell oceanographers crucial information about waves, currents, and seasonal changes—what one journalist dubbed “the **conveyor belt**” of the sea. The

humble little rubber duck had, once again, exceeded expectations.

Aside from soap, shampoo, and towels, there may be no more **pervasive** an item in a kid-occupied bathtub than the rubber duck, a generic aquatic toy that usually squeaks, sometimes spits water, and can be teethered upon without incident.

The ducks had their origins in the mid-1800s, when rubber manufacturing began to gain ground. Out of the many animals crafted, they were the most native to water and broke away from the pack. Families who used to make bathing a weekly event prior to Sunday church sessions would **entice** children to submerge themselves in the murky tubs with a duck, some of which didn't float. They were intended as chew toys.

By the early 1960s, the vinyl ducks became a bathroom fixture. They were cheaply made, cheaply acquired, and a soothing presence for children with **apprehensions** about being dipped into water. Any hydrophobia was eased by the bright yellow duck, who didn't appear to have a care in the world.

*Rubber Duckie, you're the one...*The song went on to sell over 1 million copies as a single and has been included in more than 20 different *Sesame Street* compilation albums. The image of Ernie playing with the duck was licensed for T-shirts, storybooks, and other merchandise that further endeared the ducks to child-occupied households.

1. _____ (especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people.
2. _____ anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.
3. _____ make a quick, short movement up and down.
4. _____ a continuous moving band of fabric, rubber, or metal used for transporting objects from one place to another.
5. _____ attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage.
6. _____ in a way that displays fondness or tenderness.
7. _____ continuing with great force or intensity.