

Play-Along Activity Songs to Support Learning of Core Concepts

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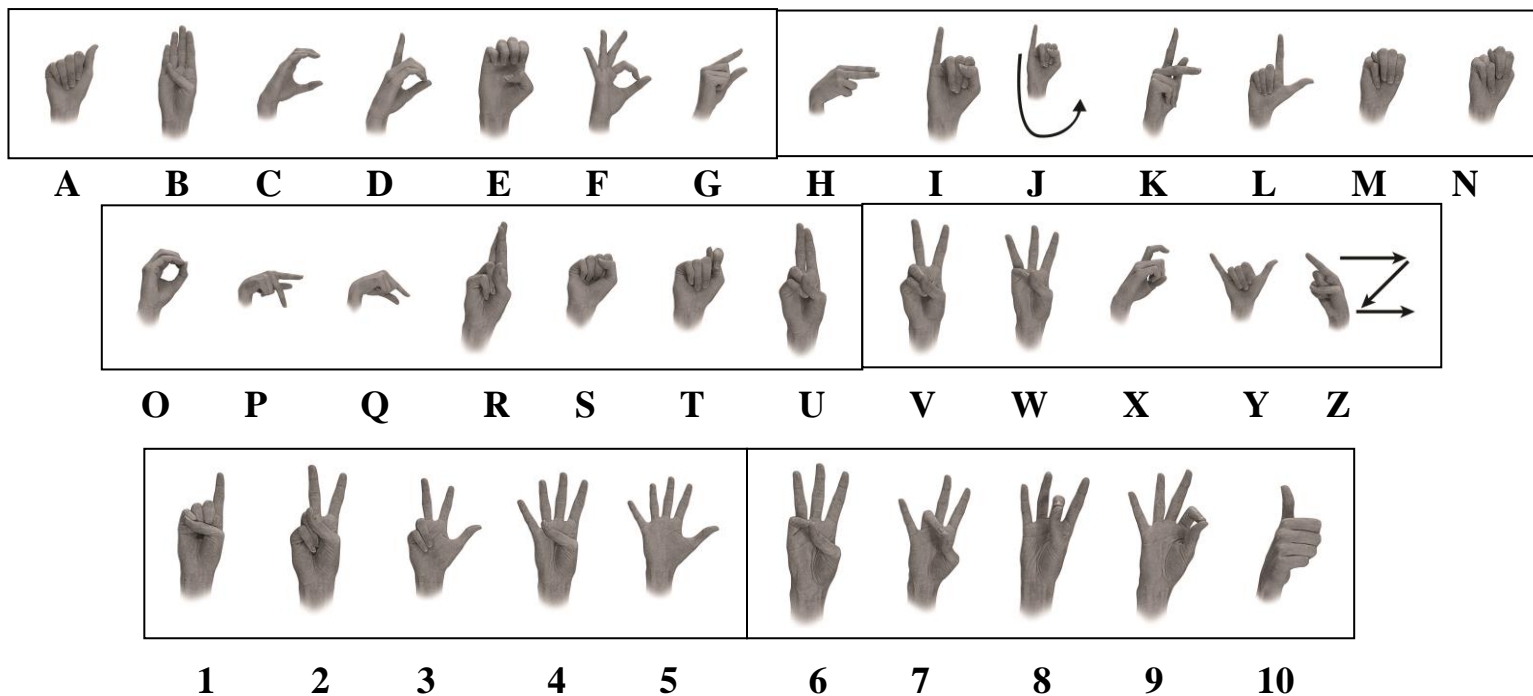
Your Skills for Activity Songs

Activity songs involve finger plays, upper body movement songs, full body movement songs, creative language use songs, and songs that include American Sign Language, ASL. The great thing about these songs is that teachers do not have to be wonderful singers or know any ASL to gain the benefits for their classroom and students. Dr. Frances Rauscher, a leading American scientist in brain research, advises, "It's important to involve children in music, the more the better." We'll carry it even one step further – If you can't sing to them - chant or play a recording of the song they can sing and move along to. The only thing teachers need is the desire to incorporate activity songs into daily activities. Sharlene Habermeyer states in her book, *Good Music Brighter Children*, "As children memorize the lilting tunes of Mother Goose rhymes, use musical instruments and play musical games and finger plays, they are learning the patterns that formulate the sounds, rhythm and blending of syllables that make up words. This is ... necessary for beginning readers."

Be Creative

1. You often can be creative with songs by writing new lyrics and new rhymes to verses that reflect things that interest you and your children.
2. Have the children adapt action or animal songs by coming up with new actions or new animals and sounds.

ABC's and Numbers



Benefits for play along songs

- Strengthens **memory and recall**.
- **Enhances hand-eye coordination**.
- Improves **listening and language** skills
- Increases **reading readiness**.
- **Develops fine and gross motor skills**.
- **Increases vocabulary and word understanding**.
- Fosters an **enthusiasm for learning**
- **Uses a wide variety of learning styles** (physical, musical, verbal, and visual) all at the same time

- **Supports core educational learning** by providing an activity-based way to learn and remember core educational concepts – ABC's, Numbers, Colors, Rhymes, Animals and more.
- Cultivates an **appreciation for music & song**.
- Helps to develop **focused listening, watching and concentration skills**.
- Encourages **creativity**.
- Fosters **self-esteem and self-confidence**.
- Gain experience in **following directions**.
- Enables participants to **become leaders**.
- Boosts reading readiness

Alphabet Song

Traditional

A, B, C, D, E, F, G
H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P
Q, R, S
T, U, V
W, X, Y and Z
Happy, happy we will be
When we can Sign our A, B, C's

A, B, C's – Backwards

Traditional – sort of

Z, Y, X, W, V, U, T
S, R, Q, P, O, N, M
L, K, J
I, H, G
F, E, D, C, B, A
Happy, happy we will be
When we can sign our A, B, Cs – Backwards

The Animals of the Alphabet by Ken Frawley

Chorus:

The ANIMALS of the ALPHABET
We'll NAME them in this SONG
From A to Z, YES YOU will SEE
When you COME and SING along

A – ALLIGATOR	I- INSECT
B – BEAR	J – JACK RABBIT
C – CAT	K- KANGAROO
D – DOG	L - LION
E – ELEPHANT	M- MONKEY
F – FROG	N – NARWAL
G – GIRAFFE, and	O – OWL
H – HORSE	P - PENGUIN

Chorus

Chorus

Q – QUEEN BEE
R – RACCOON
S – SPIDER T – TURTLE
U – UMBRELLA BIRD V – VAMPIRE BAT
W – WALRUS X – X-RAY FISH
Y – YAK, and Z – ZEBRA

Chorus

Jacob Wore a Blue Shirt

by Ken and Georgia Frawley

Jacob wore a BLUE SHIRT, a BLUE SHIRT, a
BLUE SHIRT
Jacob wore a BLUE SHIRT ALL DAY LONG.

Change the color and the article of clothing to
whatever the child is wearing.

Dum Dum Dah Dah

Traditional

Dum dum dah dah
Da dum dum dah dah
Da dum dum dah dah da dum
Dum dum dah dah
Da dum dum dah dah
Da dum dum dah dah da dum

Open and Close

by Ken and Georgia Frawley

Open and close; open and close
We all know how to open and close
Open and close; open and close
We all know how to open and close
We all know how to open and close

Other opposites:

Right and Left	Forward and back
Up and down	Big and small
Side to Side	Happy and sad

My Hands by My Side

Traditional

My hands by my side.
What is this here?
This is my hair-mopper, my mother dear
Hair- mopper, hair-mopper - Inky dinky doo.
That's what I learned in my school.
My hands by my side.
What is this here?
This is my eye blinker, my mother dear
Eye blinker, hair-mopper - Inky dinky doo.
That's what I learned in my school.

additional verses:

Nose blower	Mouth talker	Chin chopper
Shoulder shrugger	Chest thumper	Knee knocker
Bread basket (for stomach)		Waist twister

One Two Buckle My Shoe

Traditional

One, two buckle my shoe
Three, four shut the door
Five, six pick up sticks
Seven, eight lay them straight
Nine, ten a big, red hen

Nursery Rhymes

We showed you how to sign *Mary Had a Little Lamb*, but you can add American Sign Language to any Nursery Rhyme to make it more physical and/or challenging. Check out our *We Play Along* Playlist for Nursery Rhymes to learn how to sign more.

Single Sound Consonant Mix-Up Song

by Dave Kinnoin

Question	Response
Is this the letter B? Buh	Yes, this is the letter B-Buh
Is this the letter D? Duh	Yes, this is the letter D-Duh
Is this the letter F? fff	Yes, this is the letter F –fff
Is this the letter H? Huh	Yes, this is the letter H-huh

Sing the song in the order recorded, or mix up the letters so the children learn not only the ASL signs of the letters, but also the sounds. If you do not want to use ASL, simply hold up an alphabet card for the children to learn what the letters look and sound like.

I See a Monkey by Ken Frawley

I see a monkey swinging in a tree - ook, ook, ook
I see a monkey swinging in a tree - ook, ook, ook
I see a monkey swinging in a tree - ook, ook, ook
I see a monkey swinging in a tree - ook, ook, ook

A fishy swimming in a pond - glub, glub, glub
An owl sitting in a tree - whoo, whoo, whoo
A frog hopping on a log - ribbit ribbit, ribbit

Wave Your Hands Up High by Ken Frawley

I want you waving your hands a way up high
I want you waving your hands up to the sky
Wave them right and wave them left
Wave your hands up high!

I want you waving your hands a way down low
I want you waving your hands nice and slow
Wave them right and wave them left
Wave your hands down low!

Other suggestions:

Snap your fingers Clap your hands
Pointing your fingers Wiggling your fingers

What a Nice Day by Ken Frawley

Chorus:

What a nice day it is
What a nice day it is
What a nice day it is...OH!
What a nice day it is!

It's a nice day to *go to the park and play*
It's a nice day to *go to the park and play*
It's a nice day to *go to the park and play*
What a nice day it is!

Take turns saying and then singing about what each person likes to do on a nice day.

I'm Thinking of an Animal by Ken Frawley

I'm thinking of an animal
I'll describe it to you
See if you can guess it
With a hint or two

It has 2 legs - (someone guesses a monkey)
It can fly - (someone guesses an eagle)
It can swim - (someone guesses a duck)
Its black and white - (someone guesses a penguin)
That's how I describe a penguin!

Each person thinks up 4-5 clues and gives them one at a time until someone guesses their animal

I Am Slowly Going Crazy Traditional

I am slowly going crazy – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 switch
Crazy going slowly am I – 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 switch

One Little Bird by Bob Harrison

ONE LITTLE BIRD, SITTING in a TREE
ONE LITTLE BIRD LOOKING DOWN at YOU and ME
I SAW ONE LITTLE BIRD SITTING in a TREE
And that ONE LITTLE BIRD it said, "TWEET, TWEET,
TWEET"
And in FLEW another little bird

Keep adding birds until you want to end the song.

Last verse:

FLY away! FLY away!
FLY away from YOU and ME and the TREE

CLEAN UP by Georgia Frawley

CLEAN up, CLEAN up, CLEAN up
It's TIME to all CLEAN up
CLEAN up, CLEAN up, CLEAN up
It's TIME to all CLEAN up
PICK IT UP, PUT it away. PICK IT UP, PUT it away
PICK IT UP, PUT it away
It's TIME to all CLEAN up

LINE up, LINE up LINE up. It's TIME to all LINE up
FOLLOW me, 1, 2, 3

SNACK TIME, SNACK TIME, SNACK TIME
It's TIME to EAT our SNACK
WASH your hands, SIT right DOWN

NAP TIME, NAP TIME, NAP TIME
It's TIME to take our NAP
LAY right DOWN, CLOSE your EYES