

Songs and Chants Activities

1. A Cappella

Play the song or chant a couple of times for students to familiarize themselves with the lyrics and rhythm. Then, encourage students to sing the song a cappella. Provide help as necessary.



2. Act Out the Song

Have students mime the actions as they listen to the song or chant.



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3. Clap!

Have students clap to follow the rhythm of a song or chant. You can also ask them to clap when they listen to a specific word or phrase.



4. Cricket Sings, Too!

Use the Cricket stick puppet, or other puppets or stuffed animals to encourage students to sing along. Have puppets or stuffed animals clap, or move them up and down or from side to side to keep the rhythm. Encourage students to move in the same way.



5. Dance!

Play the song or chant and have students dance in pairs or encourage the whole class to dance, march, stamp their feet or jump around the classroom as they sing.



6. Follow Me!

Have students stand in a circle. Play the song and stand in the middle of the circle. Make some moves and encourage students to do the same. Then switch places with a student (he or she should then stand in the middle of the circle). Have that student make some moves for the rest of the students to mime. Give several students the opportunity to stand in the middle and do their dance moves.



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7. March!

Encourage students to march in place following the rhythm of the song as they sing along.



8. Sing Along

Play the song once. Have students listen. Then play the song again and sing along with them. Play the song again and encourage students to sing along by themselves.



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9. Song Artwork

Encourage students to draw a picture or lines at random while they listen to a song. You can play the track several times until they finish their drawing.

