

Sing-along

We all learn in different ways. Some of us learn by reading, some by doing, and some by building. Our children learn in different ways too. One way to get your kids excited about language is through song and movement. Try this activity to get the body moving and voices singing.

What do you do?

Sing the songs below with your child or children. With each new action, model the movement slowly and clearly for your child to mimic. Make up your own lyrics and actions and make it yours!

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
 If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands
 If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
 If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.

Repeat the verse above replacing "clap your hands" with new verses and actions:

- stomp your feet
- shout "Hurray!"
- do all three

Actions

clap clap
 clap clap

clap clap

stomp stomp
 hurray!

clap-clap, stomp stomp, hurray!



The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus go round and round
 round and round, round and round
 the wheels on the bus go round and round
 all through the town

Repeat the verse above replacing "wheels" and "round" with new verses and actions:

- horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep
- people on the bus say shh, shh, shh
- baby on the bus waves bye, bye, bye



Actions

roll hands over each other

pretend to honk a horn
 put your pointer finger to your lips
 wave goodbye

Taking it Further

There are many other great action songs. Try the "ABC Song", "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "5 Little Frogs" with your family, or make up your own!

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