



Teaching speaking and listening through
Chants, Rhymes and Songs

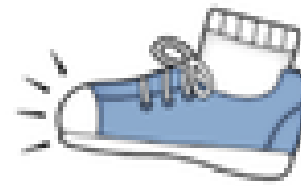


Why use chants, rhymes and songs?

- To practise vocabulary
- To improve pronunciation
- To learn grammar patterns
- To improve speaking and listening comprehension skills
- To convey varied emotions through:
 - Tempo and beat
 - Rhythm, stresses of spoken language and intonation

Chants

- Use natural Australian English
- Use real and useful language
- Can be used in classes of any size
- Can be used with all age groups
- Don't require any special materials
- Can be done in groups as an interactive activity
- Musical talent (teachers and students) is not necessary



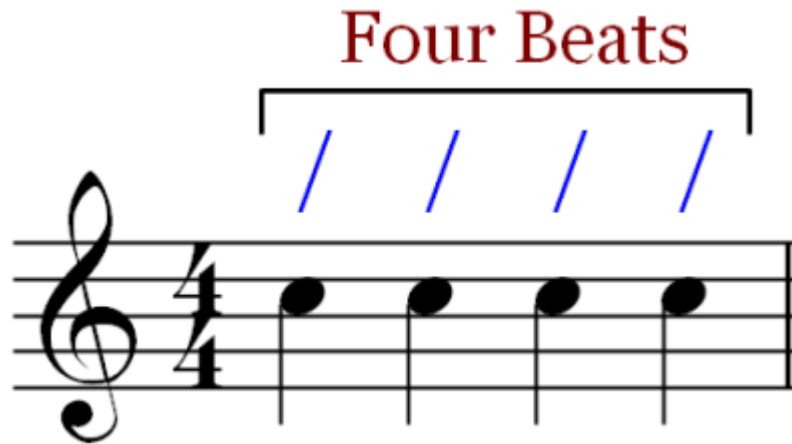
Stress Patterns and Rhythm

- All languages have their own sound systems with their own rhythmic stress and intonation patterns.
- In English, stress is not given equally to every word in a phrase or sentence.
- Some words are shortened in order to fit between the stressed words and keep the rhythm of the language.



Keeping the Beat

- Keeping the rhythm is very important
- Chants have a 4-beat rhythm 1 – 2 – 3 – 4
- Each beat will be either a stressed word (or syllable) or clap (or tap or pause)
- The first beat is the first stressed word, which may not be the first word.



Rest / clap / pause



How I teach chants, rhymes and songs

- Introduce orally
- Use visuals
- Choral response – line by line
- Teacher establishes a clear, strong beat
- Divide class into two equal sections
- Written text (sentence board)
- Pairs
- Individual
- Daily practice (10 – 15 minutes morning Literacy Block)



How I teach chants, rhymes and songs

- Claves
- Chopsticks
- Shakers
- Guiro



Writing your own chants

The language should be:

- Real
- Useful
- Age appropriate



Welcome:
Wominjeka



The Hello Song



KONiCHiWA

xin chào

Salam!

Hello, hello, hello!
What's your name?
Hello, hello, hello!

My name is

My name is

Hello
Hello
Hello.

Hello!

Merhaba!

NI HAO!

안녕하세요
hello

Bonjour!



Building Communities
Future Making
Embracing Diversity

Hi, how are you?

Hi, how are you?

1

2

I'm fine, how are you?

3

4

fine

OK

good

so so

great

well



Summer is Hot

Summer is hot.

Winter is cold.

My name is Jack

And I'm nine years old.

Spring is warm

Autumn is cool

You learn lots of things

When you come to school.



Open Shut Them

Open shut them, open shut them,
Give a little clap.



Open shut them, open shut them,
Lay them in your lap.



Creep them, creep them, creep them, creep them
Right up to your chin.



Open wide your little mouth... but do not let them in!

Ready for Learning

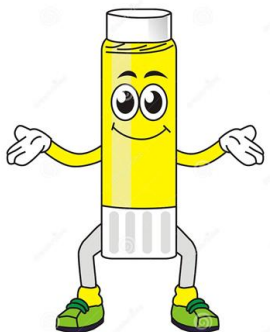
Sit on your bottom,
cross your legs,
Thank you very much.

Hands in your lap,
look at the teacher,
Thank you very much.



Classroom items

2 syllables	3 syllables	1 syllable
table pencil scissors	eraser sharpener pencil box	chair tub book



Classroom Items

- Choose 3 words:

2 syllables 3 syllables 1 syllable (clap)

2 syllables 3 syllables 1 syllable (clap)

2 syllables 3 syllables 2 syllables 3 syllables

2 syllables 3 syllables 1 syllable (clap)



Table

1

Table

1

Table

1

Table

1

Pencil box

2

Pencil box

2

Pencil box

2

Pencil box

2

Chair

3

Chair

3

Table

3

Chair

3



4



4

Pencil box

4



4

The Yellow Chair Chant

Purple ruler Pink eraser

Yellow chair Yellow chair



Light green pencil Dark blue crayon

Yellow chair Yellow chair



Colours

Roses are red
Apples are too
I like red,
How about you?



The Student Chant

There are students in my class, in my English class.

How many students are there?

There are thirteen students in my English class.

How many boys are there?

There are eight boys in my English class.

How many girls are there?

There are five girls in my English class.

How many teachers are there?

There are two teachers in my English class.

There are eight boys in my English class.

There are five girls in my English class.

How many students are there?



What Do You Like?

Lego, Lego, I like Lego.

Do you like Lego too?

I don't like Lego, but I like iPads.

Do you like iPads too?

I don't like iPads, but I like puzzles.

Do you like puzzles too?

I don't like puzzles, but I like Minecraft.

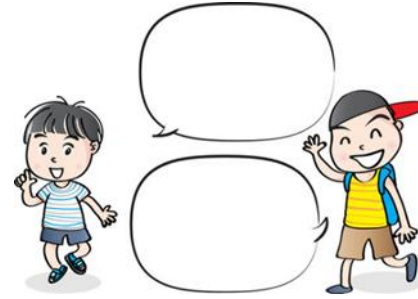
Do you like Minecraft too?



Learn, Learn, Learn the Words

(Sung to the tune Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Learn, learn, learn the words,
Every word I say.
Practise reading, writing, speaking
English every day.



Write, write, write the words,
Try to spell them right.
Practise reading, writing, speaking
English every night.



Read, read, read the words,
Study what I say.
Practise reading, writing, speaking
English every day.



Innovation

(Row, Row, Row, Your Boat)

Run, Run, Run to School

Run, run, run to school

Hurry through the gate

Meet your friends and line up

Or else you will be late.



Walk, Walk, Walk to Class

Walk, walk, walk to class

Put your things away

Sit on the mat and cross your legs

Be ready for your day.



Fruit Chant

2 syllables	3 syllables	1 syllable
apple orange mango	banana kiwifruit mandarin	peach grapes plum



Fruit Chant



Fruit chant

I like apples.

I like bananas.

We like pears.

We like pears.



She likes apples.

He likes bananas.

We like pears.

We like pears.



What Vegetables Do You Like?

Carrots, carrots, I like carrots.
Do you like carrots too?



I don't like carrots, but I like sweet corn.
Do you like sweet corn too?



I don't like sweet corn, but I like broccoli.
Do you like broccoli too?



I don't like broccoli, but I like potatoes.
Do you like potatoes too?



I don't like potatoes, but I like beans.
Do you like beans too?



Grammar chant: **The Hungry Boy**

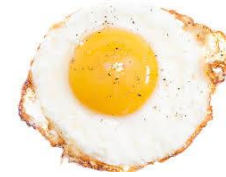
He wants:

One egg, two bananas,

Three hotdogs, **four** hamburgers,

Five biscuits, **six** sandwiches, (clap)

He's a **hungry boy!** (clap)



Make true and false statements:

T: **He ate two eggs?** Std: **False/No, he ate one egg.**

Ask questions:

T: **Did he eat three bananas.** Std: **No, he ate two bananas.**

Healthy Food Rap

Eat good food, healthy food, so you can run and play.

With good food, healthy food, you'll feel great all day.

Some people don't think it matters what they eat.

They think every meal has to have an extra treat.

But food is important, it's food that makes you fast.

If you just eat sugar, your energy won't last.

Eat good food, healthy food, so you can run and play.

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Nursery Rhymes

Diddle Diddle Dumpling my son John,
Went to bed with his trousers on.
One shoe off and one shoe on,
Diddle Diddle Dumpling my son John.



trousers



one shoe



Shoes and Socks

What do you wear on your head? A hat.

1

2

3

4



What do you wear on your hands? Gloves

1

2

3

4



What do you wear on your feet? Socks

1

2

3

4



Shoes and socks, shoes and socks. (all together)

1

2

3

4



Shoes and Socks

What do you wear on your head?

What do you wear on your hands?

What do you wear on your feet?

Shoes and socks. Shoes and socks.

What do you wear when it's cold?

Shoes and socks. Shoes and socks.

What do you wear when it's warm?

Shoes and socks. Shoes and socks.

Where do you wear your hat?

Where do you wear your gloves?

What do you wear on your feet?

Shoes and socks. Shoes and socks.

A hat.

Gloves.

Socks.

Socks.

Socks.

On my head.

On my hands.

Socks.



Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,

One fell off and bumped his head.

Mother called the doctor and the doctor said,

“No more monkeys jumping on the bed!”



I Think I See a Mouse

(Sung to the tune Mexican Hat Dance)

I think I see a mouse. *Sh!*
A mouse hiding in the house. *Sh!*
I'm sure I see a mouse. *Sh!*
Hiding right there in the house.

There's a mouse running into the kitchen.
There's a mouse running into the bedroom.
There's a mouse running into the bathroom.
There's a mouse running over the floor.

I thought I heard a mouse (CLAP, CLAP*)
running around the house. (CLAP, CLAP)
I thought I heard a mouse (CLAP, CLAP)
running all over the house. (CLAP, CLAP)

I'm sure I saw a mouse (CLAP, CLAP)
running around the house. (CLAP, CLAP)
I'm sure I saw a mouse
running all over the house.



kitchen



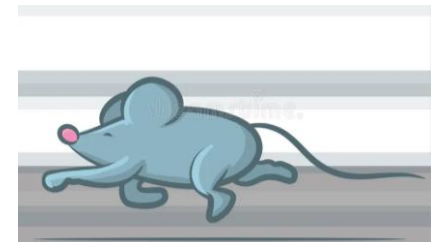
bedroom



bathroom



floor



Way Down South

Way down south where bananas grow
A grasshopper stepped on an elephant's toe.
The elephant said with tears in his eyes,
“Pick on somebody your own size!”



Way Down South

Way down south where gum trees grow
A butterfly stepped on a kangaroo's toe.
The kangaroo said with tears in her eyes,
“Pick on somebody your own size!”



Have you ever seen a Panda?

(Sung to the tune Have You ever seen a Lassie?)

Have you ever seen a panda, a panda, a panda?

No, I've never seen a panda.

Well, neither have I.

But I've seen a monkey.

And I've seen a lion.

Well, I've seen a zebra.

And I've seen a tiger,

But I've never seen a panda.

Well, neither have I.



Have you ever seen a Wombat?

(Sung to the tune Have You ever seen a Lassie?)

Have you ever seen a wombat, a wombat, a wombat?

No, I've never seen a wombat.

Well, neither have I.

But I've seen a kangaroo.

And I've seen a possum.

Well, I've seen a koala.

And I've seen an echidna,

But I've never seen a wombat.

Well, neither have I.



Chesterfield Farm (Sung to the tune Old MacDonald Had a Farm)

Yesterday we **went** to the farm **E I E I O**.

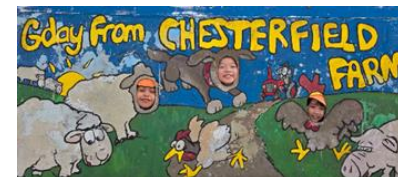
First, we **had** a tractor ride **E I E I O**.

Then we **milked** a big brown cow **E I E I O**.

Next, we **fed** some greedy goats **E I E I O**.

Finally, we **touch**ed the soft rabbits **E I E I O**.

We **had** a good day at the farm **E I E I O**.



Come On, Let's Go!

Come on, let's go!

Let's go swimming, let's go swimming now.

Oh no I can't go swimming?

Why?

I don't know how.

Don't worry, I can help you.

I can teach you how.

Come on, let's go!

Let's go swimming.

Let's go swimming now.



Sport chant

Swimming swimming I like swimming.

Do you like swimming too?

I don't like swimming, but I like basketball.

Do you like basketball too?

I don't like basketball, but I like soccer.

Do you like soccer too?



 <i>volleyball</i>	 <i>running</i>	 <i>badminton</i>
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What Do You Want to Do?

What do you want to do?



What do you want to be?



I want to be an astronaut.

An astronaut? Not me!



I don't want to be an astronaut.

Oh no! Not me, not me!



Reuse, Reduce Waste, Recycle

We can make the world much better

Come on help with anti-litter!

Reuse,  Reduce waste,  Recycle



Don't throw rubbish all around

We all like a clean playground!

Reuse, Reduce waste, Recycle

You can save our landfill space

Reuse Recycle and Reduce your waste!

Reuse, Reduce waste, Recycle



The Three Little Pigs

Narrator

Once upon a **time** there were **three** little pigs.

They **lived** with their **mother** in a **house** in the **woods**.



Mother pig

Little pigs, **little** pigs, **off** you go.

Build your **house** and **don't** be **slow**.

Pig 1

I will **build** my **house** of **straw**.

I will **build** a **big** front **door**.



How Do You Spell Dog?

How do you **spell dog**? (clap, tap, or snap)

d-o-g (clap/tap)

How do you **spell cat**? (clap/tap)

c-a-t (clap/tap)

How do you **spell octopus**? (clap/tap)

Don't ask me! (clap/tap)



You Are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine,
My only sunshine
You make me happy
When skies are grey
You'll never know dear
How much I love you
Please don't take
My sunshine away.



You Are My Mother

You are my mother,
My only mother
You make me happy
Every day.

You'll never know mum,
How much I love you.
Thank you for coming
To school today.

Father/Parents/Aunty/Sister/Brother etc



This, That, These, Those

This, that,

These, those.

Snap your fingers

Touch your toes.



This, that,

Those, these.

Shrug your shoulders

Bend your knees.



Grammar Chant: Irregular Verbs

Say, said.

Stop on red.

Eat, ate.

Don't be late.

Break, broke.

Tell a joke.

Take, took.

Read your book.

Buy, bought.

Have a thought.

Write, wrote

Get off the boat.

buy

bought



Little Seed

I plant a little seed,
In the ground,
Out comes the sun,
Big and round.
Down come the rain drops,
Soft and slow,
Up comes a flower,
Grow, grow, grow.



Way Down South

Way down south where bananas grow

A grasshopper stepped on an elephant's toe

The elephant said with tears in his eyes.

"Pick on somebody your own size!"



Way down south where coconuts grow

A caterpillar stepped on an alligator's toe

The alligator said with tears in his eyes.

"Pick on somebody your own size!"



Way down south where gumdrops grow

A butterfly stepped on a kangaroo's toe

The kangaroo said with tears in her eyes.

"Pick on somebody your own size!"



Way down south where palm trees grow

A ladybug stepped on a rhinoceros's toe

The rhinoceros said with tears in her eyes.

"Pick on somebody your own size!"

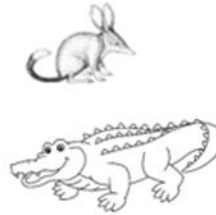


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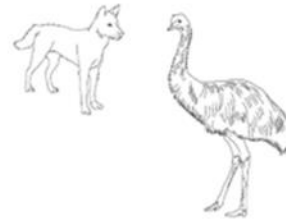
Way down south where gum trees grow
A lyre bird stepped on a kangaroo's toe
The kangaroo said with tears in her eyes.
"Pick on somebody your own size!"



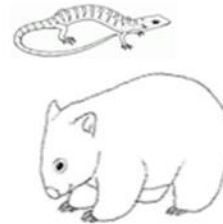
Way down south where gum trees grow
A bilby stepped on a crocodile's toe
The crocodile said with tears in his eyes.
"Pick on somebody your own size!"



Way down south where gum trees grow
A dingo stepped on an emu's toe
The emu said with tears in her eyes.
"Pick on somebody your own size!"



Way down south where gum trees grow
A lizard stepped on a wombat's toe
The wombat said with tears in his eyes.
"Pick on somebody your own size!"



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But food is important, it's food that makes you fast.

If you just eat sugar, your energy won't last.

Eat good food, healthy food, so you can run and play.

With good food, healthy food, you'll feel great all day.

To keep strong and healthy, eat some vegies and some fruit.

Add meat, fish or tofu, for protein to suit.

At snack times, keep the fat and junk food low,

Then you'll have the energy to go and go and go.

Eat good food, healthy food, so you can run and play.

With good food, healthy food, you'll feel great all day.



What Food Do You Like?

Pizza, pizza.

I like pizza.

Do you like pizza too?



I don't like pizza.

But I like noodles.

Do you like noodles too?



I don't like noodles.

But I like chicken.

Do you like chicken too?



I don't like chicken.

But I like sushi.

Do you like sushi too?



I don't like sushi.

But I like hamburgers.

Do you like hamburgers too?



California Roll

Have you ever eaten sushi?

or a California roll?

Have you ever eaten kimchi?

Have you ever been to Seoul?

No, I've never eaten kimchi.

I've never been to Seoul.

And I've never ever ever had
a California roll.

