



## USING SONGS

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### WHY USE SONGS IN CLASS

- They are fun and easy to remember
- They develop listening skills
- They are a great way to practise vocabulary and language in context
- They help children remember the correct pronunciation
- They help build children's confidence

### WHEN TO USE SONGS IN CLASS

- As part of your learning routine
- To practise and recycle language and vocabulary
- To make a link to a story or other content
- To reinforce positive values, e.g. kindness
- To introduce traditional children's culture, such as singing traditional songs

### 5 FUN ACTIVITIES TO USE WITH SONGS IN CLASS

1. Stick flashcards on walls around the classroom or put them on screen. Get children to listen and point to the flashcards when they hear the words in the song.
2. Ask children to do an action when they hear the words, e.g. jump up, wave their arms, etc.
3. When they are familiar with the song, get children to act it out and sing along.
4. Divide the class into groups (one for each character) and get them to sing and act out different lines.
5. Get children to suggest ideas for new verses of the song using words from the same vocabulary set that they already know.



**TOP TIP:** When you want to introduce a new song, play the whole song several times in different lessons. Children will listen and start to understand and will then join in when they are ready to do so.