

Phonemic Awareness Activities - Compiled by Dr. Marilyn J. Eisenwine
Commercial tapes such as Raffi, Hap Palmer, and Wee Sing contain some of these.

Apples and Bananas

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas,
I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas.

I like to ate, ate, ate, ay-ples and ba-nay-nays,
I like to ate, ate, ate, ay-ples and ba-nay-nays.

I like to eat, eat, eat, ee-ples and bee-nee-nees,
I like to eat, eat, eat, ee-ples and bee-nee-nees.

I like to ite, ite, ite, i-ples and by-ny-nys,
I like to ite, ite, ite, i-ples and by-ny-nys.

I like to ote, ote, ote, oh-ples and bo-no-nos,
I like to ote, ote, ote, oh-ples and bo-no-nos.

I like to oot, oot, oot, oo-ples and boo-noo-noos,
I like to oot, oot, oot, oo-ples and boo-noo-noos.
(can repeat with other sounds)

Down by the Bay

(Song on Raffi tape)

Down by the bay, where the watermelons grow,

Back to my home, I dare not go.

For if I do, my mother will say:

Did you ever see a whale with a polka-dotted tail?

Down by the bay.

(repeat first 4 lines)

Did you ever see a goose kissing a moose?

Down by the bay.

(repeat first 4 lines again)

Did you ever see a fly, wearing a tie?

Down by the bay.

(repeat first 4 lines)

Did you ever see a bear combing his hair

Down by the bay.

(repeat first 4 lines)

Did you ever see llamas, wearing pajamas?

Down by the bay.

(repeat first 4 lines)

Did you ever have a time when you couldn't make a rhyme?

Down by the bay.

Little Beat (with rhythm)

(fist tapping over heart)
I had a little beat
So deep inside of me
It tapped away so evenly
I thought I'd set it free!
It came out in my _____ (use different body parts and move them accordingly)
My fingers started snappin'
And all of me had soon joined in before I knew what happened!

Peanut Butter (chant)

Pea-nut, Peanut butter (Arms up over left side of head)

JAM (Arms down to right side)

[Repeat as a chorus]

(Act out verses)

First you take the peanuts and you pick 'em and you pick 'em and you pick 'em.

Then you take the peanuts and you mash 'em and you mash 'em and you mash 'em.

[Repeat chorus]

Then you take the berries and you pick 'em and you pick 'em and you pick 'em.

Then you take the berries and you mash 'em and you mash 'em and you mash 'em.

[Repeat chorus]

Then you take the bread and you spread it and you spread it and you spread it.

Then you take the top and you put it on, put it on, put it on.

[Repeat chorus]

Then you take the sandwich and you bite it and you bite it and you bite it.

Then you take the bite and you swallow it, swallow it, swallow it.

[Chorus changes]

M-mmmmm, M-mmmmm Good!

M-mmmmm, M-mmmmm Good!

Goldilocks (chant, done with fingers snapping in rhythm)

Down in the forest in a wee little cottage

Lived the 3 bears. Sh Sh Sh

One was the Papa bear. One was the Mamma bear.

One was the wee bear. Sh Sh Sh

Down through the forest came a-walkin', a-stalkin',

A-pretty little Goldilocks.

An' she came a-knockin'.

Knock, knock, knock

No one was home. No.

No one was home.

So she walked right in, and she had herself a ball.
She didn't care, Uh,Uh, She didn't care.

Home, home, home, came the 3 bears.
"Someone's been eating my porridge," said the Papa bear.
"Someone's been eating my porridge," said the Mamma bear.
"Be-ba-da-ree-bear," said the little wee bear.
"SOMEONE HAS BROKEN MY CHAIR!" Crash!

Just then she woke up, she broke up the party
And she beat it out of there.
"Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye," said the Papa bear.
"Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye," said the Mamma bear.
"Be-ba-da-ree-bear," said the little wee bear.
"This is the story of the 3 little bears!" YEH!

BINGO

There was a farmer had a dog and Bingo was his name-o.
B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O,
And Bingo was his name-o.

Little Peter Rabbit (Tune – Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose,
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose,
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose,
And he flipped it till it flew away.

Willoughby, Wallaby, Woo

By Dennis Lee (song on Raffi tape)

Willoughby, Wallaby, Woo,
An elephant sat on you!
Willoughby, Wallaby, Wee,
An elephant sat on me!

Willoughby, Wallaby, Wob,
An elephant sat on Bob.
Willoughby, Wallaby, Wommy,
An elephant sat on Tommy.
(can repeat with other names)

Fishin' (song)

Have you ever been a-fishin' (Swing arms around and hold in front as if fishing)
On a bright and sunny day (Arms overhead to make a sun)
And seen the little fishes
Swimmin' up and down the bay (Make fish with both hands and swim!)

With their hands in their pockets (Both hands on front where pockets are)
And their pockets in their pants (Jump and turn around and show pockets in back)
And all the little fishes (Jump and turn back around)
Doin' a hoochie-koochie dance. (Make fish again, swim, and dance!)

Do Your Ears Hang Low?

(song with motions to act out)

Do your ears hang low?

Do they wobble to and fro?

Can you tie them in a knot? Can you tie them in a bow?

Can you throw them over your shoulder, like a Continental Soldier?

Do your ears hang low?

Copycat (game)

Let's play "copycat" just for fun.

Let's copy _____, he's/she's the one.

Whatever he/she does, we'll do the same.

That's how to play the Copycat game.

Robot Song

(song with piano notes)

Robot, robot, mechanical man,

C G C G G C C G D

Clink, clank, clink, you're a walking tin can.

C G A G A B G A G

Nothing can be more clumsy than

C G C G C G D

Robot, robot, mechanical man.

C G A G F E E D C

Roundness

Round is a circle, round is a ball,

Round is a button, large or small.

Round is a snowman made of snow,

Round is your mouth when you say, "Oh."

Smiley ☺

If you chance to meet a frown, ☹

Do not let it stay.

Quickly turn it upside down, ☺

And smile that frown away.

No one likes a frowning face. ☹

Change it to a smile. ☺

Make the world a better place,

By smiling all the while. ☺