



Using Chants and Songs



Using Chants - Starter Activity Books

Chants support phonemic awareness, drawing attention to the pronunciation of individual sounds, and the intonation and rhythm of the English language. They are also easy to memorize. Above all else, the chants are fun and sociable. They encourage cooperation and are suitable for different learning styles.

The chants on page 16 of the Ladybird Readers Activity Books provide a grand finale which children will love. They target the focus sounds used in the story, and provide meaningful, fun repetition through catchy rhythms.

Activities

- Before listening, children can match sounds in the chants to Flashcards of the words with those sounds.
- Make sound cards to hold up and match with the Flashcards.
- Divide the children into sound- and word groups. Give each sound group a sound from the chant, and each word group a word from the chant. When listening to the chant, the sound groups should join in with their sound, and the word groups should chant their word.
- After listening to the chants, encourage the children to think of more words with the key sounds. They could even make a new chant by substituting the words in the recorded chants with their own.

Singing Skills - Activity Books Levels 1 - 4

Children love singing. The rhythm and melody of each song helps children to memorize the words and pronounce them clearly.

You can help children to remember the song by drawing attention to repeated patterns. For example, you can show how the sounds made by the letter patterns -ot, -op, and -ook are repeated in different words in the song from The Magic Porridge Pot (Level 1).

Find and click on your favourite book to download audio recordings of the chants and songs from:

