

5 Step Music Activities

ADDING ACTIONS TO SONGS

When pupils add their own actions to songs they are active in their learning. Processing the meanings of words allows them to improve their comprehension skills.

01

Allow the students to select a song to add action to. The easiest would be nursery rhymes such as **Mary Had A Little Lamb**, but this could also apply to pop songs



02



Dissect the lyrics. Look at the lyrics either on a sheet or on the board. What are the keywords? Have them underlined. These can form the key actions

03



Split the pupils into pairs. They must now decide on actions for the song. As a challenge, both pupils should sing and perform the actions simultaneously

04

Select pairs to perform. What is interesting about the choices of actions? Are they the same? Different?



05

Decide on suitable actions as a class. Question the pupils: Why are these the most appropriate? Perform the song as a class to finish the activity

