

5 Step Music Activities

SONGS TO IMPROVE VOCABULARY

Learning songs improve vocabulary by providing contextual words that may not have been used previously. The repetition of these words helps with memorisation.

01

California Dreamin' is a call and response song that contains many important words about the seasons to express a longing to be somewhere else



02



Happier by Marshmello is a popular song with repetition that contains metaphors ("We're a flame in the wind") and idioms ("Eating me up inside"). To sing with children search for 'lower key singalong on Youtube (D Major)

03



This Is Me from The Greatest Showman contains many idioms that can be discussed with pupils including:
"When the sharpest words wanna cut me down"
"I'm marching on to the beat I drum"

04

Rip Tide by Vance Joy is a simple song that contains idioms such as "all my friends are turning green" and "lump in my throat" that you can discuss with your pupils



05

Don't Worry Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin is a positive song about not worrying about the things that are out of our control. It contains complicated vocabulary like 'litigate' and double negative slang ("ain't got no style") which you can discuss with your pupils

