



Matching Words to Pictures Using Music - Grades 2 & Up

This activity is great for encouraging kids to engage with their environment through sound, image, and physical action.

How It Works: Pick a list of simple, easy to sing songs (The Wheels on the Bus, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, If You're Happy and You Know It, Baby Shark, etc.). Then, find pictures of the objects mentioned in the songs (bus, star, shark, hands, etc.).

Arrange the pictures in a slideshow or print them out - whatever is better suited to you. When you play the song, hold up the picture that matches the key word in the song, i.e. bus, star, shark. Your student will say the name of the object (or point to it if they don't communicate verbally) each time it occurs in the song. OR—they can clap on the beat each time the object appears. This doesn't have to be a long exercise; a few songs each time will do the trick.

This exercise can help develop:

- Timing
- Communication
- Memory
- Pattern recognition

What You'll Need

A music player or access to iTunes, Spotify, YouTube, etc.

Pictures of the main items in each song you choose (shark, bus, stars, etc.): either in a slideshow on a tablet or computer, or actual printed photos.