

Put Your Name In That Tune!

Grades 2-6



Everyone likes the sound of their own name. These activities let you incorporate your student's name into easy-to-remember songs. You can start with The Name Game. Using the name Katie as an example, the song follows this pattern:

**Katie, Katie, bo-batie,
Bonana-fanna fo-fatie
Fee fi mo-matie
Katie!**

You can continue with multiple students and make it as long as you want. If you're working with a group, encourage your student(s) to sing along to as many names as they can.

This music activity will help with listening, timing, rhythm pattern recognition and memorization.

Below are links you can use for the activity.

Link to original song: <https://youtu.be/-7NEYSKRJzA>

Link to karaoke version: <https://youtu.be/b1zStUyTUDs>



Activity 2: Spell Your Name in a Song

In this activity your student(s) will spell his/her name using the melody of a popular song. The song you use will depend on the number of letters in your student's name. For instance, if the name contains three letters you can use Happy Birthday. Let's say the name is Ben. The song would go like this:

B-E-N spells Ben
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If your student has 4 letters in their name, try using a short bit of the melody to YMCA. For example, Beth:

B-E-T-H, that's how I spell my name, B-E-T-H
You can spell it real fast, you can spell it real slow
But either way you will know, here's how to spell my name
B-E-T-H, that's how I spell my name, B-E-T-H



For five letter names you can use the song BINGO. We'll change the words a bit so it goes like this:

**There was a family had a kid and Stacy was her name-o
S-T-A-C-Y, S-T-A-C-Y, S-T-A-C-Y, and Stacy was her name-o**

You'll continue the song just like BINGO, dropping a letter with each new verse. You can replace the letters with claps, or a hum, or shh sound until you run out of letters.

For students with six letter names try the chorus to Purple Rain:

**S-T-E-V-E-N
S-T-E-V-E-N
S-T-E-V-E-N
That is how I spell my name S-T-E-V-E-N**

And for names with seven letters Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star is a great go-to song. You'll take each letter of the name and put it to the melody of the song:

B-R-E-A-N-N-A that is how you spell my name.