

Counting Songs & Rhymes

Five Currant Buns

This song can be acted out by asking one child to be the baker and other children to be the shoppers. Children could bring real or large pennies and take object or picture currant buns away.

Five currant buns in a baker's shop,
Round and fat with a cherry on the top,
Along came (insert name) with a penny one day
Bought a currant bun and took it away.
Four currant buns in a baker's shop
Round and fat with a cherry on the top,
Along came (insert name) with a penny one day.
Bought a currant bun and took it away.
Continue the same with three, two and one currant bun.

This Old Man

This old man, he played one,
he played knick-knack on my thumb;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give a dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.
This old man, he played two,
He played knick-knack on my shoe,
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give a dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.
This old man, he played three,
He played knick-knack on my knee ...etc
This old man, he played four,
He played knick-knack on my door... etc
This old man, he played five,
He played knick-knack on my hive... etc
This old man, he played six,
He played knick-knack on my sticks ... etc
This old man, he played seven,
He played knick-knack on my Heaven ... etc
This old man, he played eight,
He played knick-knack on my gate ... etc
This old man, he played nine,
He played knick-knack on my spine ... etc
This old man, he played ten,
He played knick-knack once again ...etc

Happy Days

Sung to "Happy Days theme song"
Monday, Tuesday ... Happy days,
Wednesday, Thursday ... Happy Days,
Friday, Saturday ... Happy Days,
Sunday-y-y,
What a day-y-y,
Groovin All eek with you!!!
Oooooooooooooooooo!!!!

Ten Green Bottles

Ten green bottles sitting on the wall,
Ten green bottles sitting on the wall,
And if one green bottle should accidentally fall
There'll be nine green bottles sitting on the wall
This continues with:
Nine green bottles sitting on the wall ... etc
And finishes with:
One green bottle sitting on the wall,
One green bottle sitting on the wall,
If that one green bottle should accidentally fall,
There'll be no green bottles sitting on the wall

The Pirate Song

When I was one,
I banged my drum,
The day I went to sea.
I jumped aboard a pirate ship,
And the captain said to me.
We're going, this way, that way,
Forwards and backwards,
Over the deep blue sea.
A bottle of rum, to warm my tum,
And that's the life for me.

When I was two, I buckled my shoe
When I was three, I banged my knee
When I was four, I knocked on the door....
When I was five, I learned to dive
When I was six, I shipped some bricks
When I was seven, I went to heaven
When I was eight, I broke a plate
When I was nine, I the ship was mine ...
When I was ten, I started again

Day

Sung to "Frere Jacques"
Today is _____.
Today is _____.
All day long, all day long.
Yesterday was _____.
Tomorrow will be _____.
Oh what fun!
Oh what fun!

Sunday Monday

Sung to: "The Addams Family"
There's Monday and there's Tuesday
There's Wednesday and there's Thursday
There's Friday and there's Saturday
And then there's Sunday!
Days of the week (snap, snap)
Days of the week (snap, snap)
Days of the week, days of the week, days of the week (snap, snap)

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Ten in the Bed

There were ten in the bed
And the little one said
"Roll over, roll over"
So they all rolled over
And one fell out
Bumped his head,
And gave a shout,
Please remember,
To tie a knot in your pyjamas, single beds are only
made for (then shouted) One, two, three, four, five,
six, seven, eight, non in the bed and

This continues with:

There were nine in the bed
And the little one said ... etc

And finishes with:

There was one in a bed
And the little one said
"Good night!"

Shape Song (to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

A circle's like a ball,
A circle's like a ball,
Round and round
It never stops.
A circle's like a ball!
A square is like a box,
A square is like a box,
It has four sides, they are the same.
A square is like a box!
A triangle has 3 sides,
A triangle has 3 sides,
Up the mountain, down, and back.
A triangle has 3 sides!
A Rectangle has 4 sides,
A rectangle has 4 sides,
Two are long, and
Two are short.
A rectangle has 4 sides!

Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory Dickory Dock
Hickory Dickory Dock, the mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one, the mouse ran down!
Hickory Dickory Dock.

Hickory Dickory Dock, the bird looked at the clock,
The clock struck two 2, away she flew,
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, the dog barked at the clock,
The clock struck three 3, Fiddle-de-dee,
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, the bear slept by the clock,
The clock struck four 4, He ran out the door,
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, The bee buzzed round the clock.
The clock struck five 5, She went to her hive,
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, the hen pecked at the clock,
The clock struck six 6, Oh fiddle-sticks,
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, the cat ran round the clock,
The clock struck seven 7, she wanted to get 'em,
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, the horse jumped over the clock,
The clock struck eight 8, he ate some cake,
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, the cow danced on the clock,
The clock struck nine 9, she felt so fine,
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, the pig oinked at the clock,
The clock struck ten 10, she did it again,
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, the duck quacked at the clock,
The clock struck eleven 11, the duck said "oh heavens!"
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Hickory Dickory Dock, the mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck noon, he's here too soon!
Hickory Dickory Dock!

Coin Song

Tune: First two lines of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

1p, 1p easily spent
Copper brown and worth one pence.

2p, 2p, brown and round,
In your change it's often found.

5p, 5p, silver and small,
The same as five 1ps in all.

10p, 10p, silver, and thin,
I remember, you're worth 10.

20p, 20p, with seven sides,
20p to buy some fries.

50p, 50p, big and bold,
You're worth 50 pence I'm told.

£1, £1, gold and fat,
You're worth 100 pence, I know that!

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