

Home Music ideas



Movement and Dance games:

Put on your favourite music to dance to. One person intermittently stops the music and the others have to freeze. Take turns in being the music stopper. Use music on the radio, if you are unable to source any other music.

Dance together. Take turns in calling out one of the dancer's names. That dancer has to make up a movement and the others copy it.

Put on some music. The leader calls out, "Heads" ...the others have to simply make their heads move. Try other parts of the body, especially rather tricky ones e.g. wrists, eyebrows, ankles, knees, little fingers, cheeks, chins etc.

Put on slow music....dance around with scarves or ribbons. Try the same with fast music. Try the same with sheets of newspaper.

Find some music to march to. Use your kitchen pot lids or plastic plates. Find a utensil to use as a beater (eg a spoon , wooden spatula, chopstick). March around keeping time with your " Kitchen " instrument.

Some good dances to try (Find on YouTube or Spotify); The Hokey Tokey, Hear we go Looby Loo, Hava Nagela, The Chicken Dance, All around the Brickyard, In and Out the Dusky Bluebells, One little Elephant Balancing (child walks along a low beam or a long a piece of string on the floor, or drawn line on concrete), Five Brown Teddies (use soft toys to act out the teddies falling off the wall), Grand Old Duke of York (March around the room, use a homemade instrument), A Sailor went to Sea Sea Sea (the words of the song give you actions) or Alice the Camel (use instruments, make up body percussion movements on 'BOOM BOOM BOOM").

Adding Musical Sounds to Stories / Poems

Stories that are repetitive or rhyme, are great to add home-made instruments to. You can make sounds using many things found in your house (see ideas from the first Home Learning Music resource) e.g. If the character in the story is running....make running sounds by tapping fingers on paper or a balloon. As the story is read (slowly) this sound effect is added in when the character runs.

Story/Poem Suggestions you could try: Greedy Cat, Hairy McLeary, The Dinky Donkey, I'm the King of the Mountain, Dr Seuss Books e.g. The Cat in the Hat or The Jabberwocky.

Using Teddies and Soft Toys

Teddies are all the rage at the moment (during Lockdown). Take them out of the window and give them some fun!

Find a piece of stretchy material e.g.lycra or use a scarf/tea towel/ tablecloth. Hold the material between you. Place the toy on this and move your arms up and down together. Try more than one toy -it's like giving the toys a trampoline ride.

Take your toys on a picnic. Play or sing the song, 'Teddy Bears' picnic"

Dance with your Bear. Try a waltz, a tango, a salsa, some Rock and Roll, Rap or Hip Hop....Have Fun!

See TVNZ Educational TV (from Wednesday 15th April) for programs with Suzy Cato.

Sing King - Karaoke channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/singkingkaraoke>

Anika Moa - songs for bubba's playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fw6fow9TNe0&list=PLnVgFneZXMVgAlgYutyYFYxD6ifKeM6x8>