



Songs for Switching Sounds

I've Been Working on the Railroad



(Someone's in the Kitchen with Dinah)

I've been working on the railroad, (pretend to hammer)
All the livelong day.
I've been working on the railroad,
Just to pass the time away.
Can't you hear the whistle blowing, (put hand up to ear)
Rise up so early in the morn, (push hands up)
Can't you hear the whistle blowing, (put hand up to ear)
Dinah, blow your horn.

Dinah won't you blow, (clap, or slap thighs)
Dinah won't you blow,
Dinah won't you blow your hor-or-orn!
Dinah won't you blow,
Dinah won't you blow,
Dinah won't you blow your horn.

Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah,
Someone's in the kitchen, I know-ow-ow-ow
Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah!
Strumming on the old Banjo! (pretend to strum)
And it went.... (continue strumming)

Fee-fi-fiddley-i-o (change to *me-my-middle-i-o*)
Fee-fi-fiddley-i-o (or...*see-sigh-siddley-i-so*)
Fee-fi-fiddley-i-o (or...*bee-by-biddley-i-bo*)
Strumming on the old Banjo!



Zip-a-Dee Doo Da

Zip-a-dee-do-da, Zip-a-dee-day!
My, oh my, what a wonderful day!
Plenty of sunshine,
Coming our way,
Zip-a-dee-do-da, Zip-a-dee-day!
(change to pip-a-dee-poo-pa...kids love this one!
Or, kip-a-dee-koo-ka...they love this one too!)



Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Old MacDonald had a Farm, ee-i-ee-i-o
And on that farm he had a ____ (let child choose animal),
ee-i-ee-i-o.
With a ____ here, and a ____ there,
Here a ____, there a ____, everywhere a __ ____,
Old MacDonald had a Farm, ee-i-ee-i-o!

And on that farm he had a (cow),
Kee-i-kee-i-ko,
With a /k/ /k/ here, and a /k/ /k/ there,
Here a /k/, There a /k/, Everywhere a /k/k/,
Old MacDonald had a Farm,
Kee-i-kee-i-ko!

(Or, you could just pick the first sound in a child's name and only switch the sounds in ee-i-ee-i-o)





Apples and Bananas

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas.

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas.

I like to ate, ate, ate, ay-ples and ba-nay-nays.

I like to ate, ate, ate, ay-ples and ba-nay-nays.

I like to eat, eat, eat, ee-ples and ba-nee-nees.

I like to eat, eat, eat, ee-ples and ba-nee-nees.

I like to ight, ight, ight, igh-ples and ba-nigh-nighs.

I like to ight, ight, ight, igh-ples and ba-nigh-nighs.

I like to oat, oat, oat, oa-ples and ba-no-nose.

I like to oat, oat, oat, oa-ples and ba-no-nose.

I like to oot, oot, oot, oo-ples and ba-noo-noos.

I like to oot, oot, oot, oo-ples and ba-noo-noos.



If all the Raindrops were Lemondrops and Gumdrops

If all the raindrops were lemondrops and gumdrops,
Oh, what a rain it would be.

Standing outside with my mouth open wide,
Ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah.

If all the raindrops were lemondrops and gumdrops,
Oh, what a rain it would be.

Repeat, but add a new sound to "ah-ah-ah-ah..."



Jingle at the Window

Pass 1 window, Ti-dee-o (hold up one finger)

Pass 2 windows, Ti-dee-o (hold up two fingers)

Pass 3 windows, Ti-dee-o (hold up three fingers)

Jingle at the window, Ti-dee-o

Jingle, Jingle, Jingle, Jo

Jingle at the window, Ti-dee-o

Jingle, Jingle, Jingle, Jo

Jingle at the window, Ti-dee-o

Repeat, but switch "j" in "jingle" to a new sound



Rig-a-Jig-Jig

(stand in a circle and walk on the spot)

As I was walking down the street,
Down the street, down the street,
A very good friend I chanced to meet,
Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho!

(now everyone hold hands and walk in a circle)

Rig-a-Jig-Jig and away we go,
Away we go, away we go,
Rig-a-Jig-Jig and away we go,
Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho!

(change **Rig-a-Jig-Jig** to the first sound in
someone's name...i.e.: Melanie would sound like:
Mig-a-Mig-Mig, and Sharon would sound like:
Shig-a-Shig-Shig...)

We clapped our hands and stomped our feet,
Stomped our feet, stomped our feet...
We clapped our hands and stomped our feet,
Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho!

We jumped up high and way down low...
We kissed my ma, and hugged my pa...



John Jacob Jingle Heimer Schmidt

John Jacob Jingle Heimer Schmidt
His name is my name too.
Whenever we go out,
The people always shout,
There goes John Jacob Jingle Heimer Schmidt.
Da da da da da da da!

Repeat, but switch the first sound in "da-da-da..."

*This song is traditionally sung more quietly each time, and then the "da-da-da" part is sung LOUDLY.

Happy Birthday!



Gappy Girthday Goo Gew
Gappy Girthday Goo Gew
Gappy Girthday Geer Gennifer
Gappy Girthday Goo Gew

(Choose any song and switch the first sound for *all* of the words)



Kookaburra

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,
Merry, merry king of the bush is he-e.
Laugh, kookaburra, Laugh, kookaburra,
Gay your life must be, Ha-ha-ha!

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,
Eating all the gumdrops he can see-e.
Stop, kookaburra, Stop, kookaburra,
Leave some there for me, Ha-ha-ha!

Change "ha-ha-ha" to another sound.
Perhaps a vowel sound:
i.e.: "he-he-he", or "hi-hi-hi", "ho-ho-ho", or "hoo-hoo-hoo")



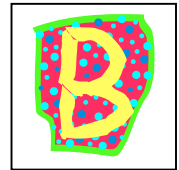
Oh, Do You Know the Muffin Man?

(One child leaves the room while the others cover their eyes)
Oh do you know the muffin man,
The muffin man, the muffin man.
Oh do you know the muffin man,
Who lives on Drury Lane?

Oh, yes I know the muffin man,
The muffin man, the muffin man,
Oh yes I know the muffin man
The muffin man is _____. (children guess who's gone)

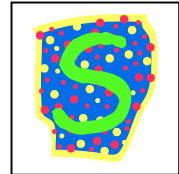
B-A-Bay

B-A-Bay
B-E-Bee
B-I-Bickie-Bye
B-O-Bo
Bickie Bye Bo Bee U Boo
Bickie Bye Bo Boo



(Change first sound like this:)

S-A-Say
S-E-See
S-I-Sickie-Sye
S-O-So
Sickie Sye So See U Soo
Sickie Sye So Soo



I Love the Flowers

I love the flowers,
I love the daffodils,
I love the mountains,
I love the rolling hills,
Boom-dee-ah-dah,
Boom-dee-ah-dah,
Boom-dee-ah-dah,
Boom-dee-ah-dah, Boom!



(change first sound in "Boom-dee-ah-dah...i.e.: soom-see-sah-sa...)

It isn't any trouble just to SMILE 😊

It isn't any trouble just to S-M-I-L-E
It isn't any trouble just to S-M-I-L-E
So smile when you're in trouble,
It will vanish like a bubble,
If you'll only take the trouble just to S-M-I-L-E!

It isn't any trouble just to ha-ha-ha-ha- laugh!
It isn't any trouble just to ha-ha-ha-ha- laugh!
So laugh when you're in trouble,
It will vanish like a bubble,
If you'll only take the trouble just to ha-ha-ha-ha
laugh!
(change "ha-ha-ha-ha laugh" to another first
sound...i.e.: ma-ma-ma-ma-maugh!"

Fiddle I Fee



Bought me a cat and the cat pleased me,
I fed my cat under yonder tree.
Cat goes fiddle-I-fee.



Bought me a duck and the duck pleased me,
I fed my duck under yonder tree.
Duck goes quack, quack,
Cat goes fiddle-I-fee.

Bought me a hen and the hen pleased me,
I fed my hen under yonder tree.
Hen goes chimmy-chuck, chimmy-chuck,
Duck goes quack, quack,
Cat goes fiddle-I-fee.

Bought me a....
(goose-hissy, cow-moo, pig-oink, etc...)



Frère Jacques

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques,
Dors mes vous, Dors mes vous?
Senna la matina, Senna la matina
Din dan don, Din dan Don.

Are you Sleeping

Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping?
Brother John, Brother John,
Morning Bells are ringing,
Morning Bells are ringing,
Ding, Dang, Dong.
Ding, Dang, Dong.
(switch the first sound in ding dang dong i.e.: ping, pang, pong, or
ting, tang, tong)



The ABC Song

A B C D E F G...
H I J K L M N...
O P Q
R S T
U V W
X Y Z

Now I know my ABC's,
Next time won't you play with me!





Segmenting Songs

The Wheels on the Bus (tune):

"The sounds in the word go: s-o-ck, s-o-ck, s-o-ck,
The sounds in the word go: s-o-ck,
Who knows the word?"



The sounds in the word go:



Blending Songs

If (You're Happy and You Know It) 😊

If you think you know this word, shout it out!
If you think you know this word, shout it out!
If you think you know this word, then tell me what
you've heard,
If you think you know this word, shout it out!

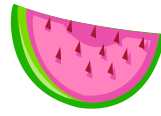
Then break down a word into its sounds...
(i.e.: "m-ea-t", "s-t-ar", "t-ee-th") and see if they
can guess the word before you are done.

Or:

"If your name begins with __, stand up tall!
(or "turn around")
If your name begins with __, stand up tall!
If your name begins with __, then stand up by the
wall, (or, "turn & touch the ground")
If your name begins with ____, stand up tall!"



Rhyming Songs

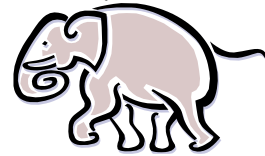


Down By the Bay (Raffi)

Down by the Bay...Where the watermelons grow...
Back to my home...I dare not go...
For if I do...My mother will say...
Have you ever seen a:
-Goose, kissing a Moose
(can your children fill in the rhyming word?)
-Whale, with a Polka-dot Tail
-Fly, wearing a Tie
-Bear, combing his Hair
- _____ (have children make up their own)
Down by the Bay! Hey!



Willoby, Walloby



Willoby, Walloby W(erry),
An elephant sat on Sherry
Willoby, Walloby W(all)
An elephant sat on Paul!
Willoby, Walloby W(acky),
An elephant sat on Jackie
Willoby, Walloby W(onathan)
An elephant sat on Jonathan!