

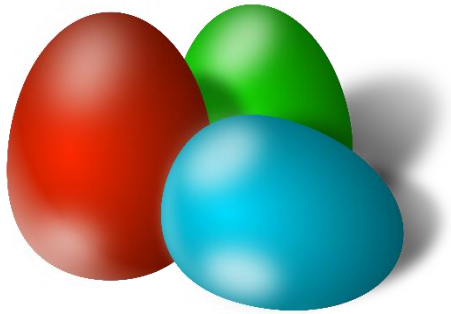
THE SHAKING SONG



Use these homemade shakers and song in order to teach and reinforce sound discrimination

THINK ABOUT...

It is valuable for your child to listen to a variety of sounds and then expand language skills to describe what he or she is hearing. This activity also includes singing for added benefit as you make your voice louder, softer, higher, or lower. Listening, language, and music – a great combination!



ACTIVITY

- 1- Present your child with one of the shakers as you sing this adaption of Row, Row, Row Your Boat:
Shake, shake, shake the egg. Here and all around. Listen closely as we shake, to this brand new sound. Pause for a moment and then shake the egg again. Allow your child to hold the shaker and listen closely to the sound. Discuss the sound with your child and describe what you hear. Take a guess at what could be inside.
- 2- After a few guess, carefully open the egg and see what is inside. Repack the egg and set it aside.
- 3- Present a new shaker and repeat the previous steps. Repeat until you have presented all the shakers.
- 4- After all of the shakers have been presented, you can reinforce the sounds and listening concepts by playing a “can you remember?” game. Have the child shake each shaker and guess what is inside, reinforcing the descriptive language. Carefully open the eggs to see if they remembered!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 6-10 different colored plastic Easter eggs
- Pennies, small pebbles, shells, rice, beans, cotton balls, marshmallows, etc.

PREPARATION

- 1- Fill each egg with one of the above items to create a variety of different sounding shakers.
- 2- Familiarize yourself with the tune 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat.'

VOCABULARY:

- Soft
- Loud
- Quiet
- Muffled
- Rattle
- Thud
- Pop

HELPFUL TIPS

- Remember, you want to emphasize that different objects will create different sounds. Be sure to use lots of descriptive and comparative words. These can include quiet, loud, soft, or muffled. You can also describe the sounds using different words like clink, rattle, scrunch, thud or pop. Use these descriptions to talk about other objects or events. For example, you might tell your child that the egg containing rice reminds you of the rain.
- Throughout the day, try to point out the different sounds you hear. For example, the hollow sound of someone knocking on the door, the ringing of the telephone, or the clinking sound silverware makes when you put it in a drawer.

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