

Sequence Song

This maths focused call and response song challenges students to make quick calculations in their head. It can be integrated during maths to support engagement or used as a brain break and practice opportunity at other times.

Transition
Songs
for
5-8 yr olds

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Lyrics and chords

C G C

Teacher: Tell me what comes next?

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Teacher: What number comes after four?

Student: Five (hopefully).

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Teacher: That's right it's five! (or 'not quite right'),

Students: Yay!

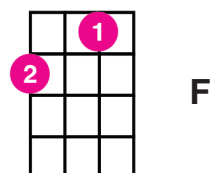
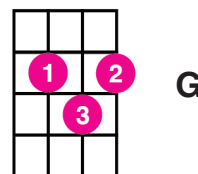
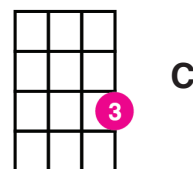
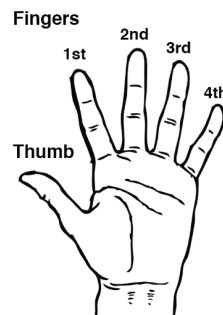
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G C

All: Five comes after four.

Ukulele chords



Music Tip

This song uses the same melody and the easiest chords for the 'Hickory Dickory Dock' song.

The audio recording is in a different key.

Introduce the concept

Start with concrete counting materials or visual aids such as hands or a hundred chart. Pick a number and invite students to quickly raise their hand to practice answering 'What number comes next'? Celebrate effort and if they get it wrong simply substitute the correct answer (as above).

Introduce the song

Display the song lyrics and explain that this is a song to help students practice counting in their head. Establish a cue such as pointing so that a student knows if it's their turn to answer or invite the whole class to respond together.

Adapt

Once students know the tune, more complex numbers or sequences can be substituted and explored through the song such as skip counting or months of the year.