

# We Like to Lie in the Sun

## Song Bag Song

We Like to Lie in the Sun is a circle game suitable for any group size which can be played anywhere at any time. The main benefits of the song are connected to speech and language development, as well as preparation for literacy, such as rhyming and sequencing. There are PSE advantages too, including promoting confidence and self-awareness.

Equipped with just a drawstring bag and a few soft toys, song-bag songs are a great way of encouraging even the most resistant child into sociable group exercises. Children are often enticed by possibilities of what is inside and will enjoy using creative thought and imagination to guess, thus also challenging their vocabulary. It is a great way to practise and encourage activities that promote sharing, turn-taking and choice-making.

## Areas of learning & development

Personal, social and emotional development:

- Self-confidence and self-awareness

Communication and language:

- Speaking

Preparation for literacy:

- Reading

## Resources

1. A drawstring bag
2. A brown teddy bear
3. A few toy animals chosen for their alliterative potential, for example pink pig, big bug etc.

### Song words

*Frogs like to jump, jump, jump, jump*

*Horses like to run, run, run, run*

*Fish like to swim, swim, swim, swim*

*But we like to lie in the sun*

Audio: 8.1 We Want to Lie in the Sun  
Full song

## How to...

1. Introduce the song bag to the group and have fun letting them guess what might be inside.
2. Pull out the first three animals, the frog, horse and fish and lie them in a line.
3. Point to the frog and ask the group what it likes to do. If they struggle, help them by miming the action.
4. Repeat this with the other two animals.
5. Sing the first line of the song and get the children to sing it back to you. Repeat this with the remaining lines, and then sing the whole song all the way through.

## Extension & development

1. This song provides scope for explaining and practising rhyme. Ask the group if they can spot it in the song and then repeat it a few times;
2. Pick another three animals and repeat the song, changing some of the words based on the children's suggestions.

Audio: 8.2 We like to Lie in the Sun  
Alternative version

## Learning outcomes

Personal, social and emotional development: Self-confidence and self-awareness

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### Early learning goals

1. Children are confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others.
2. They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities.
3. They say when they do or don't need help.

### Activity contribution to goals

Children are asked to contribute their own ideas to the song.

Children are asked to guess what is in the bag, using creative thought, and are encouraged to speak out in front of the group.

## Communication and language: Speaking

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### Early learning goals

- 1.** Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.
- 2.** They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.
- 3.** They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.

### Activity contribution to goals

Children are asked to provide lyrics for the song, and use differing vocabulary for actions and animals.

The repetition of words within the song helps to embed knowledge of vocabulary.

## Preparation for literacy: Reading

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### Early learning goals

- 1.** Children read and understand simple sentences.
- 2.** They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words.
- 3.** They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

### Activity contribution to goals

The song helps to introduce the concept of rhyming and sentences.