

# Jolly Phonics Songs and Actions

## S (Tune: The Farmer in the Dell)

The snake is in the grass.

The snake is in the grassa.

/sss/! /sss/!

The snake is in the grass.

Action: Weave your hand in an 's' shape, like a snake, and say ssssss.

## A (Tune: Skip to My Lou)

/a/-/a/! Ants on my arm.

/a/-/a/! Ants on my arm.

/a/-/a/! Ants on my arm.

They're causing me alarm.

Action: Wiggle your fingers above the elbow, as if ants are crawling on you, and say a,a,a,a!

## T (Tune: The Muffin Man)

When I watch the tennis game,

/t/-/t/-/t/,

/t/-/t/-/t/,

When I watch the tennis game, my head goes back  
and forth.

Action: Turn your head from side to side, as if you  
are watching tennis, and say t,t,t,t.

## P (Tune: The Wheels on the Bus)

Puff out the candles on the pink pig cake.

/p/-/p/-/p/,

/p/-/p/-/p/.

Puff out the candles on the pink pig cake.

Puff! Puff! Puff!

Action: Hold up your finger, as if it is a candle, and  
pretend to puff it out, saying p,p,p,p.

## I (Tune: Hickory Dickory Dock)

Inky the mouse is my pet.  
She spilled the ink and got wet.  
The ink it spread all over my desk.  
/i/-/i/-/i/-/i/ - Inky's wet!

Action: Pretend to be a mouse by wiggling your fingers at the end of your nose, like whiskers, and squeak i,i,i,i.

## N (Tune: Skip to My Lou)

Hear the aeroplane,  
/nnn/  
Hear the aeroplane,  
/nnn/  
Hear the aeroplane,  
/nnn/  
Making lots of noise.

Action: Pretend to be a plane, with your arms out like wings, and say nnnnnnn.

## C/K (Tune: She'll be Coming Round the Mountain)

We are clicking castanets,  
/c/-/c/-/c/

We are clicking castanets,  
/c/-/c/-/c/

We are clicking castanets,  
clicking castanets...

...we are clicking castanets,  
/c/-/c/-/c/.

Kites are flying in the sky,  
/k/-/k/-/k/.

Kites are flying in the sky,  
/k/-/k/-/k/.

Kites are flying in the sky,  
flying in the sky...

...kites are flying in the sky,  
/k/-/k/-/k/.

Action: Raise your hands and snap your fingers together, as if you are playing castanets, and say ck, ck, ck.

## E (Tune: Skip to My Lou)

Eggs in the pan, /e/-/e/-/e/.

Eggs in the pan, /e/-/e/-/e/.

Eggs in the pan, /e/-/e/-/e/.

Crack the egg like this ... /e/!

Action: Pretend to crack an egg against the side of the pan with one hand. Use both hands to open the shell, saying eh eh eh.

## H (Tune: Apples and Bananas)

I like to hop,hop,hop,  
up and down.

I like to hop,hop,hop,  
all around.

I like to hop,hop,hop,  
up and down -  
/h/-/h/-/h-/h-/h/!

Action: Hold a hand up to your mouth, panting as if you are out of breath, and say h,h,h,h.

## R (Tune: The Muffin Man)

See my puppy rip the rag.  
/rrr/! /rrr/!

See my puppy rip the rag,  
when he pulls so hard.

Action: Pretend to be a puppy, pulling a rag, and shake your head from side to side, saying rrrrrrrrrrrr.

## M (Tune: The Wheels on the Bus)

The mum and the dad  
make many meals.  
/mmm/!  
/mmm/!

The mum and the dad  
make many meals  
for their hungry children.

Action: Rub your tummy, as if you are seeing tasty food, and say mmmmmmmmm.

## D (Tune: This Old Man)

See me play on my Drum.  
Playing drums is lots of fun,  
with a /d/-/d/-/d/-/d/-/d/  
/d/-/d/-/d/-/d/-/d/.  
See me play upon my drum!

Action: Beat your hands up and down, as if you are playing a drum, and say d,d,d,d.

## G (Tune: Jimmy Crack Corn)

The water gurgles  
down the drain.  
The water gurgles  
down the drain.  
The water gurgles  
down the drain.  
With a /g/-/g/-/g/-/g/-/g/.

Action: Spiral your hand down, as if water is gurgling down a drain, and say g,g,g,g.

## O (Tune: Old MacDonald)

Now it's dark  
the lights go on.  
/o/-/o/-/o/-/o/-/o/.

Time for bed  
the lights go off!  
/o/-/o/-/o/-/o/-/o/.

Action: Pretend to turn a light switch on and off, and  
say o,o,o,o.

## U (Tune: Skip to My Lou)

/u/-/u/ up go umbrellas.  
/u/-/u/ up go umbrellas.  
/u/-/u/ up go umbrellas...  
... when it starts to rain!

Action: Keep one hand steady and raise the other, as  
if raising an umbrella and say u,u,u,u.



## L (Tune: The Farmer in the Dell)

We lick our lollipops.

We lick our lollipops.

/l/-/l/-/l/-/l/!

We lick our lollipops

Action: Pretend to lick a lollipop, and say l,l,l,l.

## F (Tune: Old MacDonald)

My friends and I  
went to the beach  
with my floating fish.

It got a hole...  
...the air came out.

/ffffff/!

Action: Let your hands come together gently, as if an inflatable fish is deflating, and say fffffff.

## B (Tune: Camptown Races)

Bring your bat and

Bring your ball.

/b/! /b/!

Bring your bat and

Bring your ball...

...to the park to play!

Action: Pretend to hit a ball with a bat, and say  
b,b,b,b.

## ai (Tune: Camptown Races)

My ear hurt,

I was in pain,

/ai/? /ai/?

My ear hurt,

I was in pain,

What did you try to say?

Action: Cup your hand over your ear as if you're  
hard of hearing.

j (Tune: Jingle Bells)

Jelly and Jam,  
Jelly and Jam,  
Jiggling on the plate.  
Oh, what will I eat with it?  
/j/-/j/-/j/-/j/-/j/.

Action: Pretend to wobble on a plate, and say j,j,j,j.

oa (Tune: The Muffin Man)

Oh did you see  
the billy goat?  
/oa/ /oa/ /oa/  
/oa/ /oa/ /oa/  
Oh did you see  
the billy goat,  
under the old oak tree?

Action: Bring a hand up to your mouth as if you are seeing something go wrong and say 'oh'

ie (Tune: The farmer in the dell)

The Captain said /ie/ /ie/,  
The Captain said /ie/ /ie/,  
“Stand up straight,  
Don’t be late!”  
The Captain said /ie/ /ie/

Action: Stand to attention and salute.

ee/or (Tune: Twinkle twinkle)

See the donkey  
in its stall  
‘Eeyore  
ee/or’  
is its call.

Action: Pretend to be a donkey with hands on ears  
and say eeyore, Eeyore.

## W (Tune: He's got the whole world in His hands)

I see the clouds moving,  
/w/-/w/-/w/.

I see the kites flying,  
/w/-/w/-/w/.

I see the trees bending,  
/w/-/w/-/w/.

The Wind is blowing strong!

Action: Blow onto your open hand, as if you are the wind, and say wh, wh, wh.

## Z (Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie?)

Did you ever hear a bee buzz,  
a bee buzz,  
a bee buzz,  
a bee buzz?

Did you ever hear a bee buzz,  
“/zzz/!”, like this?

Action: Put your arms out at your sides and flap them like a bee, saying zzzzzzzzz.

## V (Tune: Go in and Out the windows)

Drive Vic's van round the village,  
Drive Vic's van round the village,  
Drive Vic's van round the village,  
/v/-/v/-/v/-/v/-/v/!

Action: Pretend to be driving along in a van, saying  
vvvvv.

## Y (Tune: Apples and Bananas)

I like to eat, eat, eat, yoghurt and bananas,  
I like to eat, eat, eat, yoghurt and bananas,  
I like to eat, eat, eat, yoghurt and bananas,  
/y/-/y/-/y/-/y/-/y/!

Action: Pretend to eat yoghurt from a spoon, saying  
yyyyy.

## X (Tune: Skip to My Lou)

/ks/-/ks/! Take an x-ray,  
/ks/-/ks/! Take an x-ray,  
/ks/-/ks/! Take an x-ray,  
- X-ray of my hand!

Action: Pretend to take an x-ray with an x-ray  
camera, saying  
ks, ks, ks, ks.