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# **When grammar is fun...**

**Grammar in Communication  
Communication through Grammar**

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How?





## When to start introducing grammar?



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- As early as we meet the learners
- At every occasion
- In an appropriate way
- Will they understand?

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## Plurals

One, two, three,  
I like cats and cats like me.

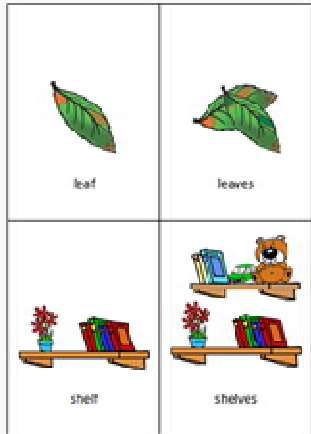
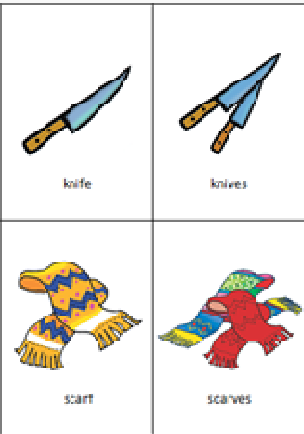
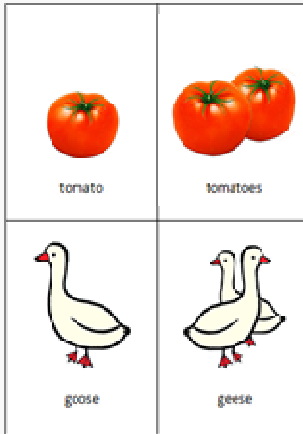
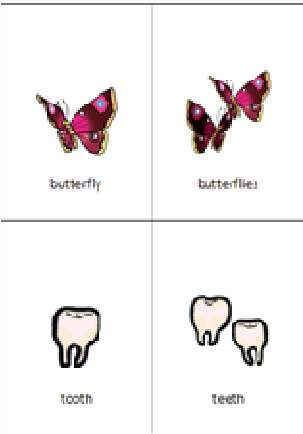
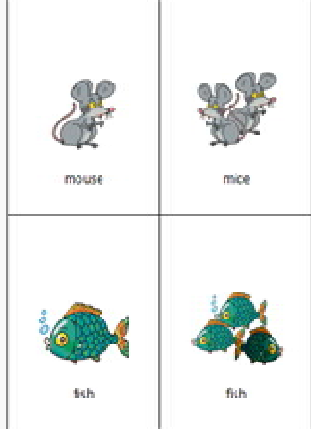
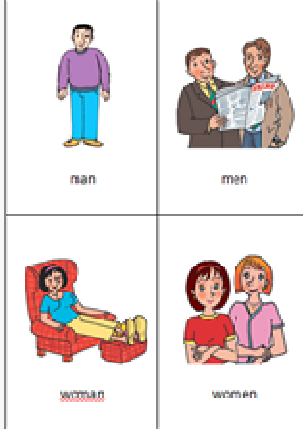
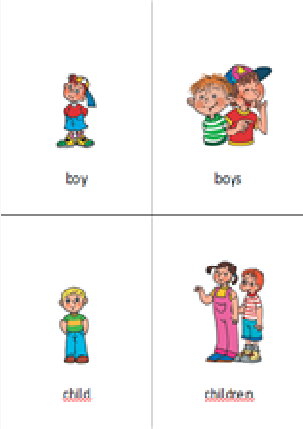


One, two, three,  
I like a cat and a cat likes me.











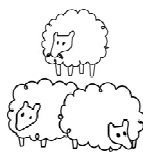
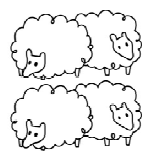













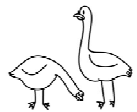
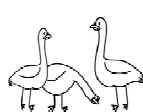
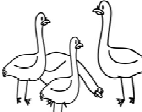
















- Is a lecture an appropriate technique for teaching grammar?  
Yes, but...
- Is drilling a suitable technique for practising grammar?  
Of course, but ...



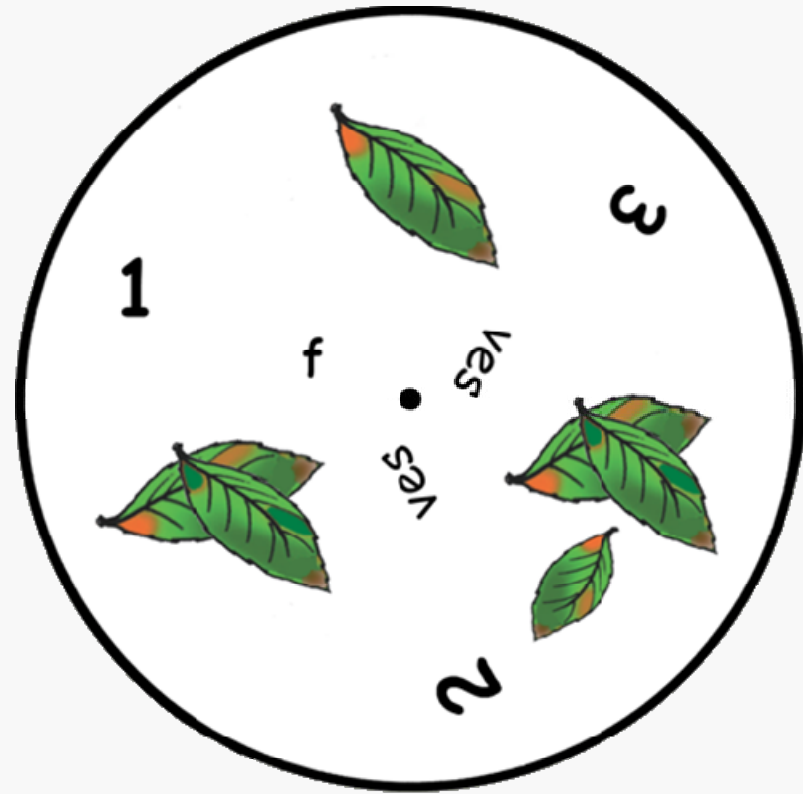
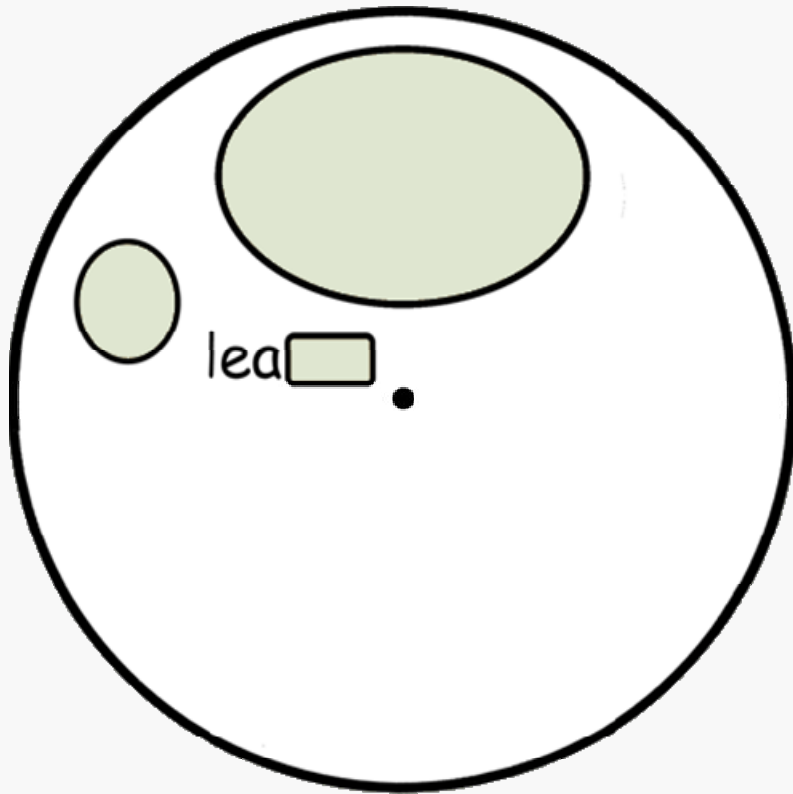
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boys	lollies	butterflies	men	people
monkey	baby	puppy	woman	mouse
monkeys	babies	puppies	women	mice
foot	potato	knife	leaf	witch
feet	potatoes	knives	leaves	witches
goose	tomato	shelf	scarf	watch
geese	tomatoes	shelves	scarves	watches
dice	sheep	bus	dress	
dice	sheep	buses	dresses	
fish	tooth	box	child	
fish	teeth	boxes	children	

# How to teach irregular plurals quickly and effectively?



Visual props:



# Articles

Ron is crazy

Ron is crazy. He's crazy about everything that moves. He has **A** lot of moving things.

He has **A** bike. **THE** bike is scratched but Ron loves it.

He has **AN** old tractor. **THE** tractor doesn't go very fast and Ron doesn't drive it often.

He has **A** scooter but **THE** scooter is missing **A** wheel.

He has **AN** ugly quad. His mum doesn't like **THE** quad, she says it's very dangerous.

He has **AN** exceptionally fast car. He drives **THE** car every day.

He has **A** skateboard. **THE** skateboard is cracked but Ron doesn't care, he goes on **THE** skateboard whenever he can.

He has **A** parachute. **THE** parachute is folded in **A** wardrobe but Ron believes one day he will jump out of **A** plane with **THE** parachute!





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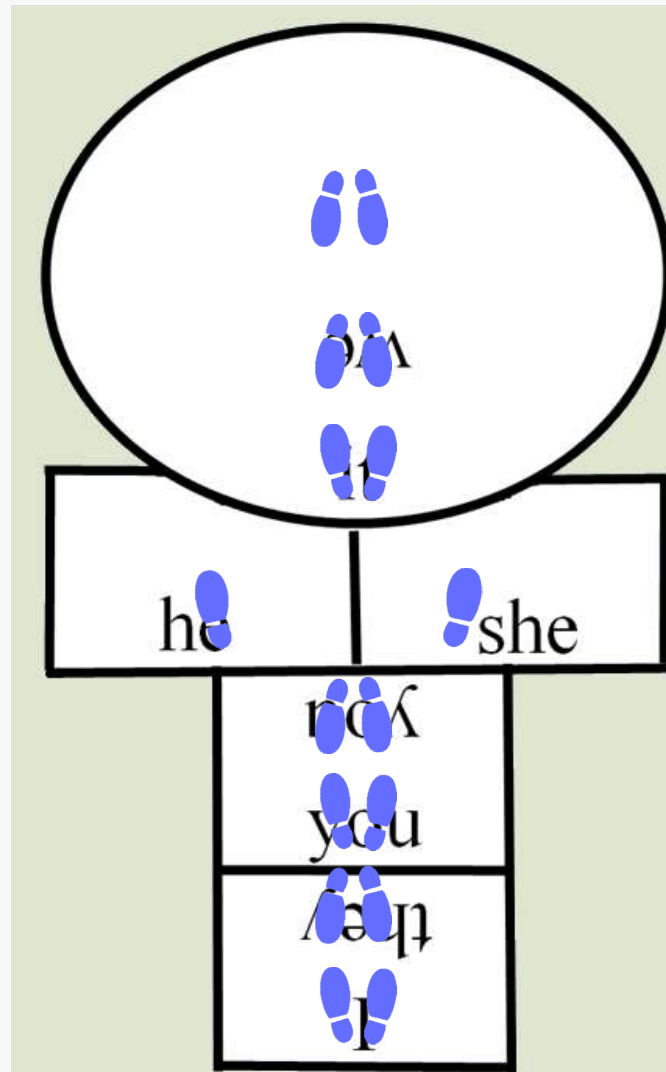
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## Pronouns

- Pronoun hopscotch
- **I, you, he, she, it**  
I want to remember it!
- **We, you, they**  
Let's have fun and play!





<p>Do you like me?</p> <p>Of course I like you.</p>	<p>Do you know Sarah?</p> <p>Of course I know her.</p>	<p>Do you use a computer?</p> <p>Of course I use it.</p>	<p>Do your friends know your parents?</p> <p>Of course they know them.</p>	<p>Does your sister call you?</p> <p>Of course she calls me.</p>	<p>Does little Eve draw a lot of pictures?</p> <p>Of course she draws them.</p>
<p>Does Tom love Carol?</p> <p>Of course he loves her.</p>	<p>Does Carol love Tom?</p> <p>Of course she loves him.</p>	<p>Do you often visit your grandparents?</p> <p>Of course I often visit them.</p>	<p>Do your neighbours like you?</p> <p>Of course they like me.</p>	<p>Do your parents know your girlfriend?</p> <p>Of course they know her.</p>	<p>Does Ben count his sheep?</p> <p>Of course he counts them.</p>
<p>Do you want to see George?</p> <p>Of course I want to see him.</p>	<p>Do their dogs obey them?</p> <p>Of course they obey them.</p>	<p>Do you like my new watch?</p> <p>Of course I like it.</p>	<p>Do you help your father?</p> <p>Of course I help him.</p>	<p>Does your brother like your dog?</p> <p>Of course he likes him.</p>	<p>Do Tim and Joy like their new flat?</p> <p>Of course they like it.</p>
<p>Does your boyfriend know your mother?</p> <p>Of course he knows her.</p>	<p>Does Mary answer all your questions?</p> <p>Of course she answers them all.</p>	<p>Do you buy a new house?</p> <p>Of course I buy it.</p>	<p>Do you like your sister?</p> <p>Of course I like her.</p>	<p>Does your sister like you?</p> <p>Of course she likes me.</p>	<p>Do I read all words correctly?</p> <p>Of course you read them well.</p>



<p>Did John help you with your homework?</p> <p>Of course he helped me with it.</p>	<p>Did Sean bring his new girlfriend to the party?</p> <p>Of course he brought her.</p>	<p>Did Mark lend you his car?</p> <p>Of course he lent it to me.</p>	<p>Does Hannah know your grandpa?</p> <p>Of course she knows him.</p>	<p>Does Jack visit your sister?</p> <p>Of course he visits her.</p>	<p>Does Bill love his Harley Davidson?</p> <p>Of course he loves it.</p>
<p>Did Jane and Fred let you know about their plan?</p> <p>Of course they let me know about it.</p>	<p>Did Carol tell Mary about her brother?</p> <p>Of course she told her about him.</p>	<p>Did your parents forget about the mess in your room?</p> <p>Of course they forgot about it.</p>	<p>Do you help your parents?</p> <p>Of course I help them.</p>	<p>Did Katie know Martin before?</p> <p>Of course she knew him before.</p>	<p>Did you buy a new mouse for my computer?</p> <p>Of course I bought it for it.</p>
<p>Did Danny go out with Mary?</p> <p>Of course he went out with her.</p>	<p>Did Tom and you feed that stray cat?</p> <p>Of course we fed it.</p>	<p>Did the children see Betty and you?</p> <p>Of course they saw us.</p>	<p>Did Martin take a picture of your brother and you?</p> <p>Of course he took a picture of us.</p>	<p>Did the tall waitress serve your mother and you?</p> <p>Of course she served us.</p>	<p>Did your neighbours invite you to their party?</p> <p>Of course they invited me.</p>
<p>Did your dogs welcome you when you came back?</p> <p>Of course they welcomed me.</p>	<p>Did Mike and you see the lions?</p> <p>Of course we saw them.</p>	<p>Did your birthday present please Henry?</p> <p>Of course it pleased him.</p>	<p>Did the robot choose you?</p> <p>Of course it chose me.</p>	<p>Did we please your sister and you with our new offer?</p> <p>Of course you pleased us with it.</p>	<p>Did you find your lost mobile phone?</p> <p>Of course I found it.</p>

## Order of adjectives:

 <b>THE ROYAL ORDER OF ADJECTIVES</b> 									
Determiner	Observation	Physical Description				Origin	Material	Qualifier	Noun
		Size	Shape	Age	Color				
a	beautiful			old		Italian		touring	car
an	expensive			antique			silver		mirror
four	gorgeous		long-stemmed		red		silk		roses
her			short		black				hair
our		big		old		English			sheepdog
those			square				wooden	hat	boxes
that	dilapidated	little						hunting	cabin
several		enormous		young		American		basketball	players
some	delicious					Thai			food

# Easy with a POSHACOMP rule!



	<b>po</b>	<b>sh</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>o</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>p</b>	
<b>article</b>	<b>personal opinion</b>	<b>size, shape</b>	<b>age</b>	<b>colour</b>	<b>origin</b>	<b>material</b>	<b>purpose</b>	<b>noun</b>
examples:	nice, angry, beautiful, amazing, gorgeous, mischieves, hungry, smart, clever	big, small, tiny, wide, circular, enormous, oval, baggy, star-shaped	old, young, brand new, ancient, medieval, mature, fresh	red, black and white, auburn, golden, pale, dim	Spanish, oriental, antique, Italian, Indian	metal, glass, wooden, leather, organic, natural	sports, charity, educational, biological, military	

Growing phrases

po sh a c o m p

article	personal opinion	size, shape	age	colour	origin	material	purpose	noun
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A cat.  
 A nice cat.  
 A nice black cat.  
 A nice big black Persian cat.  
 A nice big old black Persian cat.  
 A nice big old black Persian therapy cat.






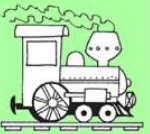

















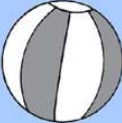
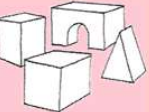





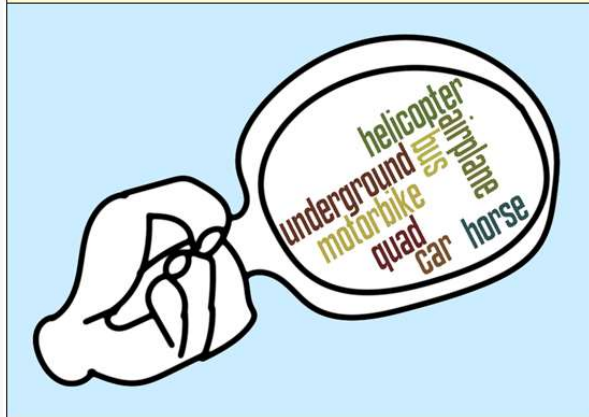
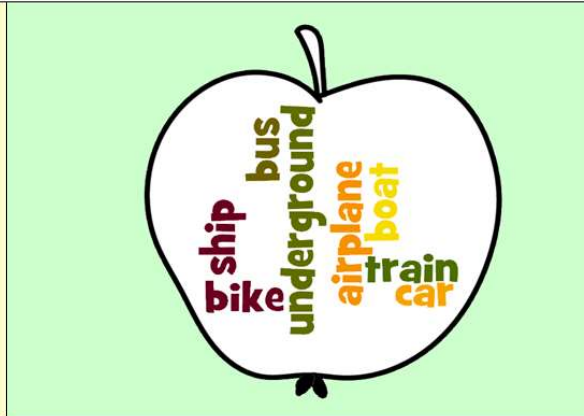
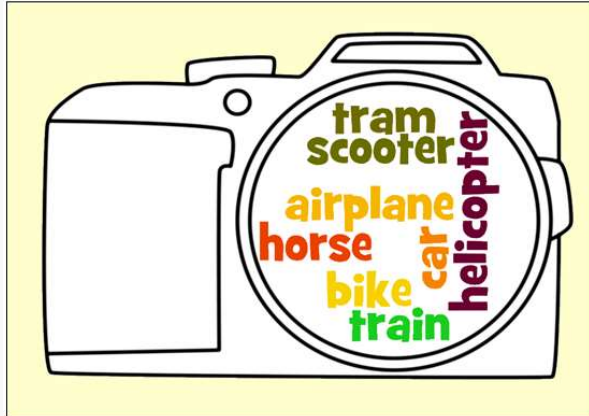


Verbs:
































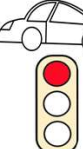


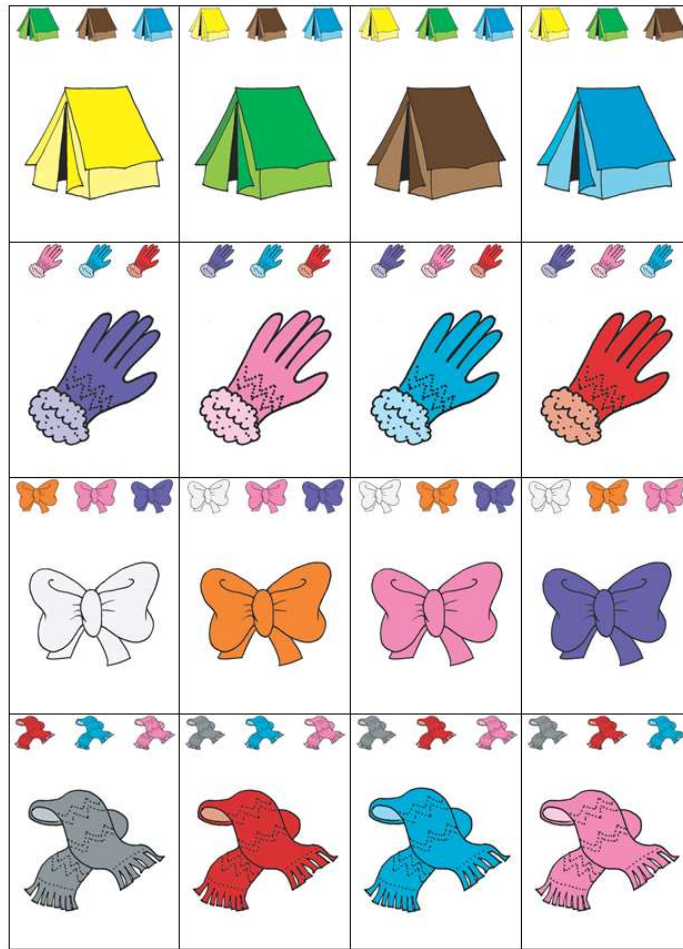
- We need to become magicians!

							
			4	8			
			2	1			
			1. blocks	9. house			
			2. bike	10. ball			
			3. crayons	11. flower			
			4. book	12. train			
			5. pram	13. doll			
			6. plane	14. teddy bear			
			7. tree	15. car			
			8. chair				
							





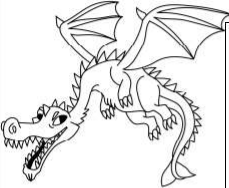












- Grammar
- with cards

 <p>Start</p> <p>Who's got the thing from which you can drink tea?</p>	 <p>Who's got the object that tells you the time?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing you can wear on your body?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing you wear to see well?</p>	 <p>Who's got the person who checks cars?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing that carries people on water?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing you can draw with?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing with which you take pictures?</p>
 <p>Who's got the person who explores outer space?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing that grows on a tree?</p>	 <p>Who's got the person who styles hair?</p>	 <p>Who's got the animal that catches mice?</p>	 <p>Who's got something to open the door?</p>	 <p>Who's got the person who uses a musical instrument?</p>	 <p>Who's got the object that you play a board game with?</p>	 <p>Who's got the monster that has no arms?</p>
 <p>Who's got the place where you can leave letters?</p>	 <p>Who's got the part of the body that you stand on?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing in which you store other things?</p>	 <p>Who's got the person who drives other people?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing that protects you from the rain?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing that keeps your neck warm?</p>	 <p>Who's got the monster that has two heads?</p>	 <p>Who's got the person who cuts down trees?</p>
 <p>Who's got the monster that has no legs?</p>	 <p>Who's got the animal that barks?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing that you wear on your finger?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing that you can read?</p>	 <p>Who's got the place where things are produced?</p>	 <p>Who's got the object you use to cut with?</p>	 <p>Who's got the thing that transports you from place to place?</p>	





<p>a famous person</p> <p><b>Do you know</b></p> <p>a good singer?</p> <p>a skilful person?</p> <p>someone who works really hard?</p>	<p>someone who works really hard</p> <p><b>Do you know</b></p> <p>a good singer?</p> <p>a skilful person?</p> <p>a famous person?</p>	<p>a skilful person?</p> <p><b>Do you know</b></p> <p>a famous person?</p> <p>someone who works really hard?</p> <p>a good singer?</p>	<p>a good singer</p> <p><b>Do you know</b></p> <p>someone who works really hard?</p> <p>a famous person?</p> <p>a skilful person?</p>
<p>know all your friends</p> <p><b>Does your mum</b></p> <p>know anything about computers?</p> <p>cook every day?</p> <p>know about all your wishes?</p>	<p>know about all your wishes</p> <p><b>Does your mum</b></p> <p>know all your friends?</p> <p>know anything about computers?</p> <p>cook every day?</p>	<p>cook every day</p> <p><b>Does your mum</b></p> <p>know about all your wishes?</p> <p>know all your friends?</p> <p>know anything about computers?</p>	<p>know anything about computers</p> <p><b>Does your mum</b></p> <p>cook every day?</p> <p>know about all your wishes?</p> <p>know all your friends?</p>
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<p>work in a hospital</p> <p><b>Does your girlfriend</b></p> <p>play tennis on Mondays?</p> <p>like shopping?</p> <p>get along with your parents?</p>	<p>get along with your parents</p> <p><b>Does your girlfriend</b></p> <p>work in a hospital?</p> <p>play tennis on Mondays?</p> <p>like shopping?</p>	<p>like shopping</p> <p><b>Does your girlfriend</b></p> <p>get along with your parents?</p> <p>work in a hospital?</p> <p>play tennis on Mondays?</p>	<p>play tennis on Mondays</p> <p><b>Does your girlfriend</b></p> <p>like shopping?</p> <p>get along with your parents?</p> <p>work in a hospital?</p>

<p><b>ELF</b> walk through the wood talk to birds sing to flowers dance with a butterfly</p> 	<p><b>ELF</b> talk to birds walk through the wood sing to flowers dance with a butterfly</p>	<p><b>ELF</b> sing to flowers walk through the wood talk to birds dance with a butterfly</p>	<p><b>ELF</b> dance with a butterfly sing to flowers walk through the wood talk to birds</p>		
<p><b>FAIRY</b> dance on flowers wave her wand talk to butterflies grant a wish</p> 	<p><b>DRAGON</b> fly in the air spit fire eat a princess fight a knight</p> 	<p><b>DRAGON</b> spit fire fly in the air eat a princess fight a knight</p> 	<p><b>DRAGON</b> eat a princess fly in the air spit fire fight a knight</p> 	<p><b>DRAGON</b> fight a knight fly in the air spit fire eat a princess</p> 	
	<p><b>PIRATE</b> search for treasure sail on a ship follow a treasure map fight in a battle</p> 	<p><b>KNIGHT</b> search for a dragon fight in a tournament go on a crusade court a lady</p> 	<p><b>KNIGHT</b> fight in a tournament search for a dragon go on a crusade court a lady</p> 	<p><b>KNIGHT</b> go on a crusade search for a dragon fight in a tournament court a lady</p> 	<p><b>KNIGHT</b> court a lady search for a dragon fight in a tournament go on a crusade</p> 
		<p><b>LADY</b> dance at a ball run a manor look after the household award the knight a ring</p> 	<p><b>LADY</b> run a manor dance at a ball look after the household award the knight a ring</p> 	<p><b>LADY</b> look after the household dance at a ball run a manor award the knight a ring</p> 	<p><b>LADY</b> award the knight a ring dance at a ball run a manor look after the household</p> 

<b>WHO</b>	Place your hands cupped in front of your eyes as if you looked through the binoculars
<b>WHERE</b>	Place your right hand above your eyes and look around
<b>WHEN</b>	Tap on your wrist (wristwatch)
<b>WHY</b>	Open your hands apart to the sides and shrug your shoulders
<b>WHAT</b>	Tap your palm with the finger of your other hand, then open your hand and swing it to the side
<b>MEET</b>	Shake your hand with an imaginary person
<b>GO</b>	Walk on spot Or: pretend walking with two fingers on the palm of your other hand
<b>CRY</b>	Pretend crying and show tears running from your eyes with your fingers



What questions asked in the song do you remember?





- Resources:
- Playing with English III (I, II) ([www.sylviad.cz](http://www.sylviad.cz))

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