



Making the most of songs in your classroom

Are you making the most of songs in your English classroom?

Every lesson in the classroom should lead up to language that students can take home and use. These lessons, based on some of our favorite *Everybody Up* songs, will teach some useful language. They will give your students plenty to talk about and plenty of fun along the way. This is how we believe English should be learned.

It's often hard for young learners to see the point of learning English. They are not likely to be motivated by the sort of longer-term goals that will be of meaning to teens or older students. Language learned now needs to be used **now**. That's what the lessons that we've written for these songs are all about.

Language has real functional power. Language is something that makes things happen. Language gives you the ability to change the world around you. English makes all these things true on a global scale. That's an exciting thing for young learners as they discover their capabilities and as they explore their world.

Lessons should be emotionally, intellectually and physically stimulating and rewarding. Young learners respond best to lessons that appeal to their hearts, their minds and their bodies. All three of these zones need to be engaged in order for children to have a positive experience of language learning. We need to harness their wonderful energy and music is the most powerful tool at our disposal as it has the potential to stimulate and reward every learner. By letting children share their songs with each other through the *Everybody Up* Global Sing-along, you'll increase the fun and motivation they feel. We're very excited about that.

Enter your class in the *Everybody Up* Global Sing-along, and you will be do all this and more. You will be connecting your students to the world. It's about much more than entering a contest. It's about making connections, about sharing, and about showing your students that there are children like them all over the world singing the same songs as they're singing. We're all in this together!

We think that's an important and beautiful idea for people to understand. It's also a project that will get your class working together towards a common goal. The teachers who joined the sing-along last year said it was one of the highlights of their year. You can tell by watching their classes singing!

Join the Global Sing-along!

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