

Games for tuning up the voice

Different voices

Explain to the children that we all have different voices.

- Teacher asks: "Have you brought your whispering voice?"
- Children's response, speaking in a whisper: "Yes we have, yes we have!"
- Continue the game using talking, singing, humming, shouting and thinking voice.
- For the humming and singing voice use the two-note cuckoo chant.

Singing conversations

Again using the two-note cuckoo chant, have a singing conversation like this:

- Question: "Hello, how are you?"
- Answer: "Very well, thank you!"

OR

- Question: "What is your name?"
- Answer: "My name is Navinder!"

Ask the children to make up their own singing conversations.

The Teddy Bear Game

- Seat the children in a circle, facing outwards. They close their eyes and hold their hands open in their laps.
- The teacher or leader gives out a selection of objects which are easy to hold, e.g. teddy, set of keys, pencil, ruler, beanbag.
- The leader sings "Who's got the teddy?" (using the two-note cuckoo chant). The child holding the teddy sings back "I've got the teddy!"
- The game continues until all the children have sung a response.
- A child could take a turn at being a leader.
- Later, ask the children who are not holding objects to put up their hand if they can guess which member of the class has sung the response. The chosen child then sings "I think it's Sophie!"