

## Produktinformation

# ... and on his farm he had some hens

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<b>Englisch</b>		Klassenstufe 4	
"... and on his farm he has some hens ..."		with solutions	
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**A musical approach to dealing with farm animal vocabulary**

### Notes for the Teacher

There are multiple reasons that justify the use of songs in the foreign language classroom:

- Singing is a variant of the communicative educational aim of "speaking".
- Singing in a foreign language provides an opportunity to practise the vocabulary and the linguistic structures vital to communication.
- Songs are – normally – written in verse and follow a certain rhythmic pattern. Both rhyme and rhythm function as mnemonic aids, i.e. they help to facilitate the memorization of words and grammar. This teaching unit has a lexical focus on "farm animal vocabulary" and a syntactical one on the simple and continuous forms of the present tense.
- There is no denying the fact that singing in a foreign language is great fun, especially for kids who have not reached puberty yet.
- Moreover, singing in class fosters social interaction. Thus, it is a pedagogical measure which is virtually ideal for children who are shy and timid. For once now they can "hide" in the group and thus shed their inhibitions.

Children are particularly keen on singing (animal) songs and on assuming the role of animals. They take great delight in identifying themselves with cows, horses, pigs, dogs, cats etc. by imitating the typical sounds and movements these animals make. Young kids have energy and want to make noise. Songs are an ideal medium for channelling these natural needs positively.

### Target Group

4<sup>th</sup> grade pupils

### Materials needed

- An OHP and two transparencies with the pictures of the animals figuring in the song on it (M1 and M2)
- The melody of the Italian nursery rhyme "Io sono un uccello piccolo, piccolo" (M3). As to the tunes of "Old MacDonald Has a Farm", "Oh My Darling Clementine", "I am Sailing", "Le coq est mort" and "Olé, olé, olé, olé, wir sind die Champions, olé", it can be assumed that German pupils are well acquainted with them.)

### Objectives

- To give the pupils the opportunity to enlarge their vocabulary in a fun way.
- To facilitate the memorization of animal lexis a) visually (pictures function as optical reminders) and b) through the melody, the rhyme and the rhythm of the songs.
- To playfully and unconsciously practise the forms of the present simple and continuous.
- To encourage the students to sing in an age where singing is more or less "out" and disapproved of.

## Produktinformation

Ist eine für Viertklässler (stellenweise auch in Klasse 5 noch einsetzbar) konzipierte Unterrichtseinheit, die das Ziel verfolgt, Schülern mit memo-technischer Unterstützung durch Reim und Rhythmus auf bekannten Melodien singend und spielend Tiervokabular näherzubringen.

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