

*ENGLISH THROUGH SONG*

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# *LINGUISTIC & ACADEMIC BENEFITS*

Include the arts in the curriculum & improve your students' language skills and other academic results.

Language teaching has often used the written form as the model, when actually song is much closer to everyday speech!

Song is good for teaching rhythm, connected speech and intonation.

We can listen to and repeat a song many more times than a standard dialogue.

Songs stick in your head. The emotion attached to a song make it easier to remember, allowing students to internalise grammatical structures.

Song enables the teacher to point out and work on difficult phonemes.

# ***CLASS BENEFITS***

Great for group bonding.

Communicative activities, a variety of pair and group arrangements.

Songs carry culture. They teach us about culture.

Music plays an important role in all cultures.

It is very effective in a disparate class.

Adds joy and a lovely buzz to a classroom.

Accommodates all learning styles.

Suitable for all levels and all ages.

# ***SOCIAL AND HEALTH BENEFITS***

Singing or chanting is pleasurable and interesting.

It increases endorphins which make people relax and feel good.

Singing connects us with others.

It improves our happiness and well being.

It improves posture, breathing, pain management & helps patients with dementia and numerous other health issues.

# ***MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES***

Theory by Howard Gardner

Music brings several intelligences together at the same time.

- **Linguistic**
- Logical, mathematical
- **Naturalist**
- Spatial
- **Body – Kinaesthetic**
- Musical
- **Interpersonal**
- Intrapersonal

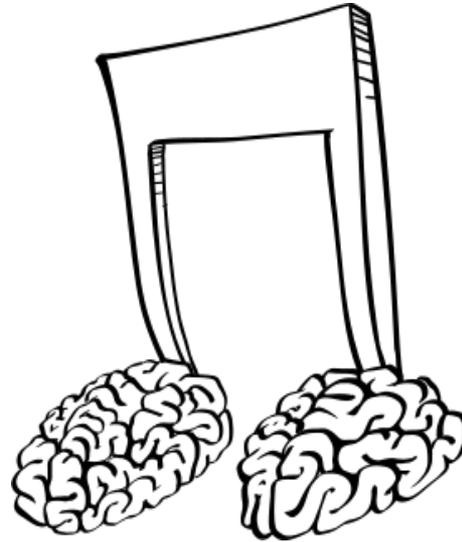


# ***THE BRAIN***

Music makes important connections between numerous parts of the brain. Song reaches learners with left and right brain strengths.

The left side

Logical  
Interprets the sounds within words



The right side

Creative  
Rhythms of speech  
(intonation & stress)

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**Emotions**

The limbic system is in the middle of our brain

*And.....*

It's fun!

"The only thing better than singing  
is more singing."

Ella Fitzgerald



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