

BLUEBIRD BLUEBIRD

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Students practice beat & Solfège with a fun circle game

- ✓ Students learn the song as they play the circle game
- ✓ Students practice keeping the beat with their beat chart
- ✓ Students practice mi, so, and la
- ✓ Students follow the listening map to find the same and different parts in the song
- ✓ Students create body percussion to accompany the song

Students start with a fun circle game to keep them moving and engaged

CIRCLE GAME

- Stand in a circle and pretend the circle is a house
- Keep the windows of your house open by taking hands with the person next to you and raising your arms
- Each time you hear the words, "Oh, honey I am tired?" close the windows by putting your arms down
- Choose someone to be the bluebird
- The bluebird will fly in and out of the house during the
- The bluebird will be trapped each time the windows c

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CIRCLE GAME

- During the second verse, the bluebird chooses a partner by patting them on the shoulder
- The second student then follows the first through the windows
- The game continues until everyone has joined the bluebird chain except the two students forming the window
- These remaining students become the first two bluebirds in the next round of the game

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My kindergartners and I love this song and game! Their instructional aide told me that the students have even been playing and singing "Bluebird" on their own at recess!

— Wendy C.

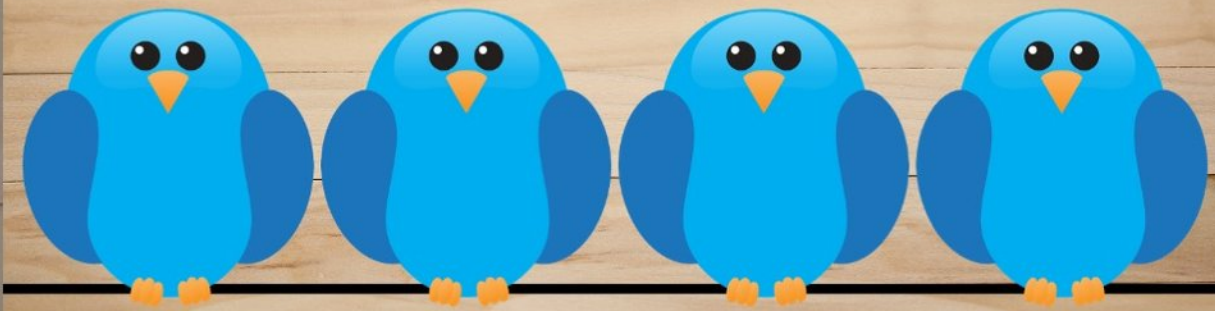


If you have a large class, choose more than one bluebird so that everyone gets a chance to play quickly

Students practice keeping a beat

KEEP THE BEAT

Choose a **conductor**.
The conductor will tap the birds to the beat as everyone sings.



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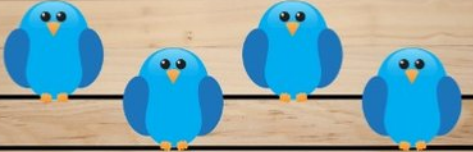
This is jam packed with different activities and possibilities for this classic song. Thank you!

– Jessica P.



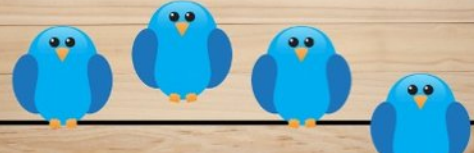
Use a dino stick or another fun
pointer to encourage students to
be the conductor of the beat

Students practice mi, so, and la

SOLFEGE
Do you recognize this pattern in the song?

On what words did you hear this pattern?

GOOD WORK!
You heard this pattern on the words "Bluebird, bluebird".

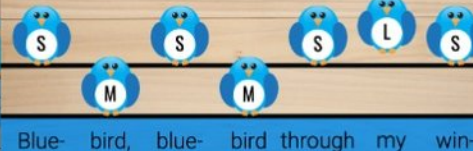
These pitches show a pattern of high-low-high-low.

SOLFEGE
Do you recognize this pattern in the song?

On what words did you hear this pattern?

GOOD WORK
You heard this pattern on the words "through my window".


SOLFEGE
Try singing this line of the song as you follow the birds.

Blue- bird, blue- bird through my win- do
Can you remember the Solfège Syllables for this line in the song?

GOOD WORK!

Blue- bird, blue- bird through my win- dow



My students love this song and game. Having this resource made sure they gained all the learning from this song as well!

— Diane W.

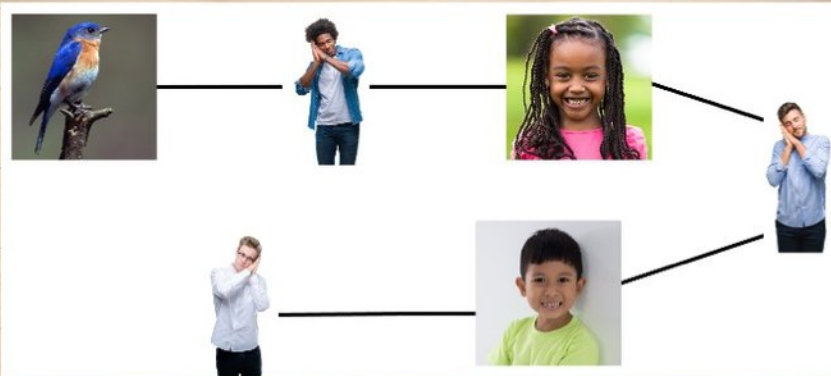


Use manipulatives, like *these*, to help students learn each pitch

Listening map to identify form

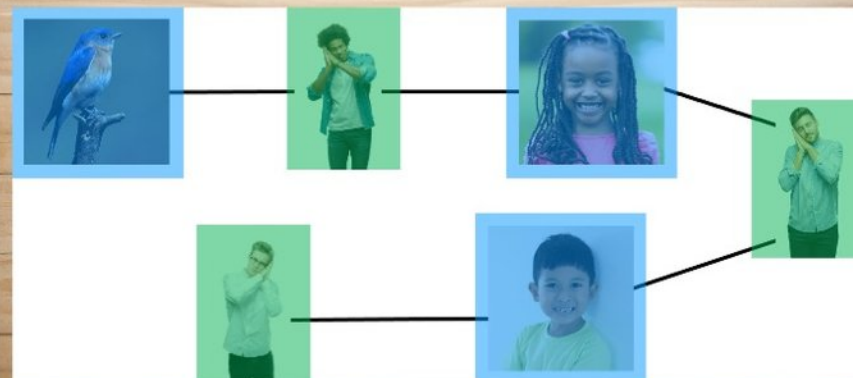
LISTENING MAP

Follow the listening map as you sing the song.



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GOOD WORK!



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MY LISTENING MAP

Name _____

Class _____

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Have the students **draw and color** in their own listening map as the final activity of the class

Students create with movement

CREATE

Let's create our own words to go with this song.

What other actions could we do other than tapping someone on the shoulder? What motions can we do with our bodies?



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STUDENT CHOICE

🎵 Sing your song for the class

🎵 Share your song with another student

🎵 Share your song with the teacher

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EXAMPLES

Try using the new words with their motions as you sing the song.

For example...

🎵 Join a person and clap to the beat

🎵 Join a person and skip around the room

🎵 Join a person and march around the room

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Have the students work with partners to **add new words and movements** to the song



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I seriously love all of your resources, and this is no exception. This is perfect for the students I work with, and it is such a creative way to make the learning of rhythms more fun! I feel like you know exactly what my students need so they are having so much fun that they don't even know they are learning.

– Andrea H.



Want more fun resources
like these?

Try the Rhythm Monsters!