

Appendix 5.13 Koala Brown clapping song

The learning intentions of this partner game are active music making, singing and movement. Use a koala puppet prompt to introduce/ signal the game non-verbally when students are familiar with it, to build anticipation for what is to come. This clapping game is useful for developing simple musical concepts like loud and soft; and fast and slow.

Learning the words, melody and actions of a song helps develop auditory memory, an important reading skill. Students should not grow accustomed to always having accompaniments and be encouraged to sing together, in-tune. They must learn to sing together without musical crutches (Forrai & Sinor, 1998, p11). That said, occasional lessons in which the teacher and students make music together using a range of instruments is engaging for all, as is the teacher playing an instrument and the children singing along.

Instructions:

In a circle, students face the person on their right. They alternate the following clapping pattern throughout the song:

Ko-al-a (clap hands, pat partner's hands, clap) 3 beats

Brown Brown Brown (pat partner's hands 3 times) 3 beats

Went in-to (clap hands, pat partner's hands, clap) 3 beats

Town town town (pat partner's hands 3 times) 3 beats

... continue rhythm pattern throughout the song as per musical score below.

Koala Brown can be used anytime when students need a brain break. They don't need to be in a circle formation.

[MP3 melody](#)

Koala Brown

(partner clapping song)

Unknown
Arranged Lorri Bev.

$\text{♩} = 90$



Ko - a - la Brown brown brown went in - to town town town
Clap pat clap pat pat pat clap pat clap pat pat pat

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to buy his love love love a wed-ding gown gown gown. While he was
clap pat clap pat pat pat clap pat clap pat pat pat. clap pat clap

10



there there there he met a cow cow cow who said to him him him
pat pat pat clap pat clap pat pat pat clap pat clap pat pat pat

15



I won-der how how how it is that you you you seem drunk I
clap pat clap pat pat pat clap pat clap pat pat pat clap pat clap

20



think think think and yet I hear hear hear you do not drink drink drink.
pat pat pat clap pat clap pat pat pat clap pat clap pat pat pat

25



Ko - al - a smiled smile smiled. It is those gum gum gum leaves turn me
clap pat clap pat pat pat clap pat cap pat pat pat clap pat clap

30



on on on.
pat pat pat

Please do have some some some.
clap pat clap pat pat pat.