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Metropolitan Borough of Rochdale

Education Committee

**3.9 Using / copying actions in rhymes and songs**

**Why is this important?**

**Nursery rhymes and songs are repetitive and easily become familiar, there-by helping children to remember a series of actions associated with specific words, and to become increasingly confident in being able to predict what is going to happen next.**

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**What to do  
• In a small group or individually, sing favourite nursery rhymes together,  
particularly those with actions, e.g.  
★ ‘I’m a Little Teapot’ ★ ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’  
• Slow down your singing: give the child a chance to join in with the actions. Don’t  
worry about singing the same song several times in a row – children love the  
repetition and it helps them become familiar with the actions.  
• Guide the child’s hands/arms to encourage him/her to join in.  
• Older children/siblings love nursery rhymes and can encourage younger children  
to join in.**

* [**I'm A Little Teapot**](https://nurseryrhymescollections.com/lyrics/im-a-little-teapot.html)
* [**Twinkle Twinkle Little Star**](https://nurseryrhymescollections.com/lyrics/twinkle-twinkle-little-star.html)