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SONGS  
FOR GRADES 1 & 2  
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### 3) *Shh fly don't bother me*

Shh fly don't bother me ///  
I feel like a morning star,  
I feel // I feel like a morning star  
I feel // I feel like a morning star.

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### 4) *Kookaburra*

Kookaburra sits on the old gum tree  
Merry merry king of the bush is he  
Laugh, Kookaburrah laugh  
Kookaburra gay your life must be.

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### 5) *The bear went over the mountain*

The bear went over the mountain ///  
To see what he could see  
All that he could see //  
Was the other side of the mountain  
The other side of the mountain //  
Was all that he could see.

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### 6) *Thousand legged worm*

Said the thousand legged worm  
As he gave a little squirm  
Have you seen a leg of mine  
If it can't be joined  
I shall have to hop around  
On my nine hundred and ninety nine.

Hop around //  
Have you seen a leg of mine  
If it can't be joined  
I shall have to hop around  
On my nine hundred and ninety nine.

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## Songs for Enrichment

### 1) *Ten green bottles*

Ten Green bottles standing on the wall  
Ten Green bottles standing on the wall  
If one green bottle should accidentally fall  
There'll be nine green bottles standing on the wall.

Nine Green bottles standing on the wall  
Nine Green bottles standing on the wall  
If one green bottle should accidentally fall  
There'll be eight green bottles standing on the wall.

Eight green bottles ...  
Seven green bottles....  
Six green bottles....  
five green bottles ....  
Four green bottles ....  
Three green bottles ....  
Two green bottles ....

One green bottle ...  
If that green bottle should accidentally fall,  
There'll be no green bottles standing on the wall.

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### 2) *Right and left*

Put your right hand in  
You put your right hand out  
You put your right hand in and shake it all about  
Do the horky porky and turn your self around  
That's what is all about.....

Put your left hand in .....left hand out  
Put your right leg in .....right leg out  
Put your left leg in .....left leg out  
Put your right shoulder in .....right shoulder out  
Put your left shoulder in .....left shoulder out  
Put your whole self in .....whole self out

## ACTIVITY BASED ORAL ENGLISH SONGS FOR GRADES 1 & 2

### Grade 1

#### *Theme 1 - We and the school*

Good morning to you  
Good morning to you  
Good morning dear teacher  
Good morning to you

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#### *Theme 2 - Our home*

Good morning dear father, dear father, dear father  
Good morning dear father  
Good morning to you  
Good morning /// Good morning dear father  
Good morning to you

Good morning dear mother /// Good morning .....  
Good morning dear brother/// Good morning.....  
Good morning dear sister /// Good morning .....

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#### *Theme 3 - Animals that come into the garden*

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| In my garden I see a cow | In my garden I see a hen |
| Moo, moo, moo, moo       | Cock ///                 |
| Good morning cow.        | This is my hen.          |

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| In my garden I see a bird | In my garden I see a butterfly |
| Cheep ///                 | Flap ///                       |
| A beautiful bird.         | Shh, a butterfly               |

**Theme 4 – Games and activities with water**

Swim, swim, swim together ///  
All in the water

Wash, wash, wash together /// All in the water  
Bathe, bathe, bathe together /// All in the water  
Jump, jump, jump together /// All in the water  
Play, play, play together /// All in the water

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**Theme 5 – Sinhala & Hindu New Year period**

Mother has a new saree, new saree, red saree  
Mother has a new saree, Happy New year!

Father has a new shirt, a new shirt, a green shirt  
Sister has a new frock, a new frock, a yellow frock  
Brother has some new shorts, new shorts, blue shorts

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**Theme 6 – The sky we see**

I see the moon, the moon sees me  
I see the stars, one two three

I see the sun, the sun sees me  
I see the clouds, one two three

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**Theme 7 – Things we eat and drink**

I like curry and I like rice  
I like fish and I like rice  
I like curry and fish with rice //

I like eggs and I like rice  
I like meat and I like rice  
I like eggs and meat with rice //

**Theme 14 – Places where people work**

Can you see the farmer work - this way and that way  
Can you see the farmer work - in the field.

Can you see the teacher teach - this way and that way  
Can you see the teacher teach - in the school.

Can you see the doctor work - this way and that way  
Can you see the doctor work - in the hospital.

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**Theme 16 – People who help us**

I am thirsty, I am thirsty  
Can I help? Can I help  
Please bring me water, Please bring me water  
Here it is, here it is.

I am hungry, I am hungry  
Can I help? Can I help  
Please bring some rice, Please bring some rice  
Here it is, here it is.

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**Theme 11 – How we get our needs**

The blackboard helps to write //  
He ho the dairy oh!  
The blackboard helps to write

The chair helps to sit // ...He ho ... the chair helps to sit.

The teacher helps to learn // ... He ho ...he teacher helps to learn.

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**Theme 12 – Transport**

The wheels on the bus go  
Round and round ///  
The wheels on the bus go  
Round and round All day long.

The children in the bus go  
Up and down ///  
The children in the bus go  
Up and down All day long.

The people in the bus go  
Bump, bump, bump ///  
The children in the bus go  
Bump, bump, bump, All day long.

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**Theme 13 – Play with light**

This is the way the sun shines, the sun shines //  
This is the way the sun shines  
Early in the morning

This is the way the birds fly, the birds fly //  
This is the way the birds fly  
Early in the morning

This is the way the flowers dance, flowers dance //  
This is the way the flowers dance  
Early in the morning

**Theme 7 – Things we eat and drink**

I drink milk in the morning ///  
And then I go to school.

I drink tea in the morning ///  
And then I go to school.

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**Theme 8 – How Information is received**

I am Chitra ///  
What's your name?

I am Dishni ///  
That's my name

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**Theme 9 – Changes in the environment**

Bits of paper //  
On the floor //  
Take the broom and sweep them //  
Out the door //

Bits of food // .....

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**Theme 10 – Likes and dislikes**

I like the classroom, the classroom //  
I like the classroom,  
And the teacher too //.

I like the playground, the playground//  
I like the playground,  
And the friends too //.

I like the garden, the garden //  
I like the garden,  
And the trees too //.

**Theme 11 – How we get our things**

Can I have a bottle please,      a bottle please //  
Can I have a bottle please  
Yes, here you are //

Can I have a bag please,      a bag please //  
Can I have a bag please  
Yes, here you are //

Can I have a doll please,      a doll please //  
Can I have a doll please  
Yes, here you are //

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**Theme 12 – Transport**

I see a car                      I see a bus  
You see a car                  You see a bus  
Beep, Beep, Beep              Brrroom, brrroom, brrroom  
We see a car.                  We see a bus.

I see a train  
You see a train  
Puff, puff, puff,  
We see a train.

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**Theme 12 – Transport**

A van and the bus go  
On the road, on the road, on the road,  
A van and the bus go on the road  
A boat goes on the water.

**Theme 8 – How information is received**

If you are happy and you know it  
Clap your hands//  
If you are happy and you know it  
Then your face is going to show it  
If you are happy and you know it  
Clap your hands.

If you are sad and you know it  
Wipe your eyes //  
If you are sad and you know it  
Then your face is going to show it  
If you are sad and you know it  
Wipe your eyes.

If you are angry and you know it  
Stamp your feet //  
If you are angry and you know it  
Then your face is going to show it  
If you are angry and you know it  
Stamp your feet.

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**Theme 10 – Likes & dislikes**

I like dogs and I like cows  
I like cats and I like fish  
I like parrots and I like hens  
I like peacocks most of all. //

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**Theme 11 – How we get our needs**

Please open the door  
Sweep and clean the floor  
Let's learn English and play and smile  
Sing and clap your hands.

**Theme 6 – The sky we see**

I hear thunder //  
Hark! Do you //  
Pit a pat a rain drops //  
I'm wet through. //

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**Theme 7 – Things we eat and drink**

Rice and curry // Is it good? //  
Would you like to have some? //  
For your lunch //

Curd and treacle // Is it good? //  
Would you like to have some? //  
For your lunch //

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**Theme 7 – Things we eat and drink**

Found a mango /// on the ground  
I will eat it /// Just now.

Do not eat it /// just now

I will eat it /// just now.

Please wash it /// just now

I will wash it /// just now

You can eat it /// just now

I will eat it /// just now

I will eat it //// thank you. ////

**Theme 13 – Play with light**

The day is light  
The sun is hot  
I run around  
And play a lot

The night is dark  
The moon comes out  
I take my torch  
When I go out

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**Theme 14 – Places where people work**

The farmer sows the seeds //  
Hey ho the dairy o'  
The farmer sows the seeds.

The farmer cuts the grain //  
Hey ho the dairy o'  
The farmer cuts the grain.

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**Theme 16 – People who help us**

I can't see //  
Can you help me I can't see  
Can you help me ///  
I cant' see

Thank you very much ///  
Let's go home

Thank you very much ///  
Let's go home

I can't see //  
Can you help me I can't see  
Can you help me ///  
I cant' see

Thank you very much ///  
Let's go home

## Grade 2

### ***Theme 1 - We and the school***

Here we go round the mango tree,  
The mango tree, the mango tree  
Here we go round the mango tree,  
In the school garden.

This is the way the branches move,  
the branches move, the branches move,  
This is the way the branches move,  
In the school garden.

This is the way we pick up leaves,  
Pick up leaves, pick up leaves,  
This is the way we pick up leaves,  
In the school garden.

This is the way we pick mangoes,  
Pick mangoes, pick mangoes,  
This is the way we pick mangoes,  
In the school garden.

This is the way we wash and eat,  
wash and eat, wash and eat,  
This is the way we wash and eat,  
In the school garden.

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### ***Theme 2 - Our home***

Bits of paper // Lying on the ground //  
Make the place untidy // Pick them up //

### ***Theme 3 – Animals around us***

I see a big dog  
I see a cat,  
I see a monkey  
Clap, clap, clap.

I see a big dog  
I see a cat,  
I see a little goat ... an elephant/ a rabbit/ a butterfly.  
Clap, clap, clap.

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### ***Theme 4 – Play with water***

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream.  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is not a dream. //

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### ***Theme 5 – Sinhala & Hindu New Year***

This is the way we paint the door,  
Paint the door //  
This is the way we paint the door,  
For the new year.

This is the way we wash the floor ,  
Wash the floor //  
This is the way we wash the floor,  
For the new year.

This is the way we clean our house,  
Clean our house //  
This is the way we clean our house,  
For the new year.