



Bookbug's Song and Rhyme Library

'Ten Red Apples'

Ten Red Apples is a counting song, with simple actions making it easy for children to join in.

How to use this song with babies:

- Cuddle up with your baby, and sing the song. Babies love hearing your voice, so sing it a few times. If baby is on your lap, you can do simple actions with both hands:
 - Hold up both hands so your baby can see them ('Ten Red Apples....')
 - Wiggle the fingers on one hand and then the other ('Five for you, and five for me'). You could also gently wiggle your baby's hands
 - Gently rock your baby ('Let us shake the tree just so')
 - Tickle or stroke your baby from head to toe ('And ten red apples will fall below')

How to use this song with toddlers:

- Joining in with the actions will help toddlers to learn the words of the song. Repeat the song with some simple actions a few times, and your child will soon join in
- Facing your child with him/her on your lap, try using your fingers **as the 'apples'** then encourage your little one to use his/her hands too
- Children can also stand up for this song – this will work well with a small group or **with siblings**. They can have a **wiggle and shake** ('Let us shake the tree just so'), and then **'fall below' and curl up** on the floor into a little ball

How to use this song with 3 to 5-year-olds:

- Make this song fun and active by standing up and joining in with the actions
- Count down from 10 red apples, **9 red apples... until you have none left!**
- Introduce the concept of louder and quieter by singing softer and softer as an apple falls below.