

Let's Talk About Barnyard Dance

Barnyard Dance is full of action and rhythm. Read it a few times with your child and then do the dance. The dance is loosely based on old fashioned square dancing. Try to find some good country music and do the dance to that too!



Skitter, slide, strut are just some of the wonderful movement words that you will find in this book.

- * Look for other movement words and with your child talk about what they mean.
- * Teach your child how to bow at the end of the dance.
- * Ask your child to make the animal sounds when you come to these parts in the book.

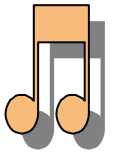
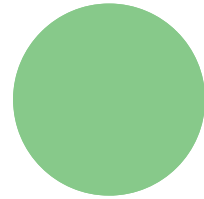
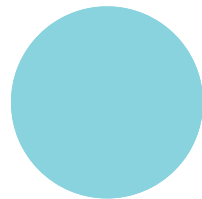
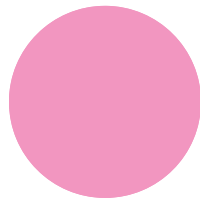
Let's Play With Rhymes

To Market To Market

Say this while giving your baby and knee ride.

To market, to market,
To buy a fat pig;
Home again, home again,
Jiggety jig.

To market, to market,
To buy a fat hog;
Home again, home again,
Joggety jog.



I Went to Visit a Farm One Day

To the tune of "Baa Baa Black Sheep"

I went to visit a farm one day;
I saw a **cow** across the way,
And what d'you think I heard it say?
Moo, Moo, Moo.

Repeat using different animals.

Note to Parents & Caregivers

Children love books that are imaginative and playful. They take great pleasure in finding ridiculous situations such as role reversals or slapstick. Encourage children's imagination. Imagination inspires creative thinking.

Humorous books help develop children's imaginations.

Let's Create

The animals in **Barnyard Dance** promenade two by two. Help your child learn what **2** means.



Gather together some pairs of socks, shoes and mittens. Count these items with your child.

Mix up the pairs. Encourage your child to put the matching items together and to count them.



Talk with your child about the word **pair** so he or she learns that "a pair of" means two.

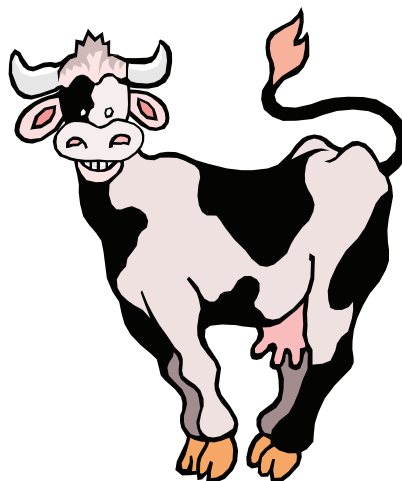


Children learn about number by touching and moving things as they count them.

Let's Be Together

After reading the story, talk to your child about how he thinks dancing makes the animals feel.

Make up new dances. Play some music and practice your moves together.



Dance and play with your child.

You may pretend to be the barnyard animals as you read the book.



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