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Free Download “I Love Music” The Sol-Mi Pattern

Description

Sol-mi is one of the first singing patterns a music educator learns to integrate into their preschool and elementary curriculum. It's a pattern that young students find successful, and I adapt this pattern as a go-to for pitch matching. This free download offers several suggestions for how I have used this pattern in the classroom.

Purpose: Students will

Learn how to echo-sing a simple sol-mi pattern.
Develop pitch matching skills.

Directions

This is a pattern used in the CMR Hello Song “Sing Me Your Name.” Once the song is sung, the teacher sings to the students, “My name is Mrs. Kelly” (*sol-mi-mi, sol-sol-mi-mi,*) and then the students go around the room, introducing themselves by repeating that same sol-mi pattern. For younger classes, it may take a little time for the students to open up and feel comfortable singing, but they eventually will come to welcome and love this routine.

Angela's Advice: *I use this pattern more than just in this song. I will often tap a steady beat, using that same sol-mi pattern, to the words "I love music" (sol-mi-sol-mi). Another variation may be to pick a category, like a favorite fruit, or a favorite animal, and have the students go around the circle patting their laps to a steady beat choosing their favorite thing while singing.*

Another variation, as the students get older, might be to have each student tap ONLY four beats. This challenges the next student to immediately switch to a different steady beat, using either a different part of their body, or even the floor.

For older classes, you can also choose a favorite thing and steady beat that then must be passed onto the next student – asking that student to use the LAST letter of the previous favorite thing as the FIRST letter of the next one.

The FINAL variation is to change the steady beat and move around the circle, giving each student only four beats to accomplish the above.

This is a very fun lesson and the students like to come back to it time and time again. Have fun!

Angela

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