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Christmas songs

Teacher's notes

Age: Teenagers/Adults
Level: Intermediate (B1)
Time: 15 minutes



Activity: In this lesson, students will sing Christmas carols.

Language focus: rhythm and intonation; Christmas vocabulary

Materials: one copy of the worksheet per student; Christmas carols for students to listen to (either song videos or audio tracks)

Procedure

1. Ask students if they know any Christmas songs and write the titles on the board. Find out if anyone knows about carol singing – why people started singing carols, where, etc. Explain that carols were originally sung in churches.
2. Choose a carol you think your students would most enjoy singing. The worksheet contains suggestions for carols well-known in the UK, but you may wish to choose songs appropriate for your context. If so, make sure you have access to the lyrics for students to see.
3. Hand out copies of the worksheet. Play the carol through once, for them to listen to and follow the words. Then play it again and encourage students to sing along. Finally, play an instrumental version of the carol for students to sing along with (if one is available). Confident classes could be asked to sing unaccompanied.



TECH TIP: You will need a version of the carol for your students to sing along to. Depending on your students, you may wish to use a karaoke-style YouTube video or just an audio track. The following list contains suggestions from 'Children love to sing' on YouTube, and could be projected on to the board or simply played audio only:
www.youtube.com/user/childrenlovetosing

Jingle Bells

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPeol7oEzrw
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=okXB_YMaqkY

Away In A Manger

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnwO_0DrpCk
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArLNbQ_ITUM

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQRdvvBsCn4

Silent Night

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEH7_2c644Q
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uLC6cSEsJ0

The Twelve Days of Christmas

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyEyMjdD2uk
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkhOIsKmDbk

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Worksheet


Today, carols are sung at Christmas, but originally they were sung (and danced) at festivals throughout the year. The word 'carol' comes from the Greek word 'choros', which means to sing and dance.

JINGLE BELLS



Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob-tails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight, oh!

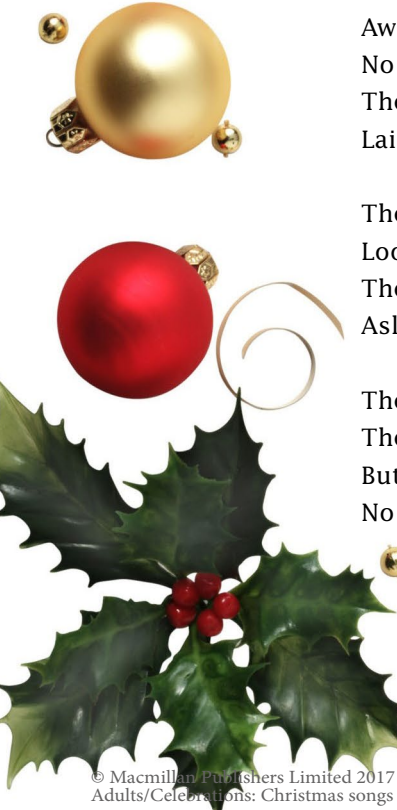
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh



Now the ground is white
Go it while you 're young
Take the girls tonight
Sing this sleighing song
Get a bob-tailed bay
Two-forty for his speed
And hitch him to an open sleigh
And you will take the lead, oh!

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh


AWAY IN A MANGER



Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes



I love thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
Till morning is nigh

Be near me Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there

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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

CHORUS:

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

Oh, bring us some figgy pudding
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding
And bring it right here!

REPEAT CHORUS

We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
So bring it right here!

REPEAT CHORUS

We all like our figgy pudding
We all like our figgy pudding
We all like our figgy pudding
With all its good cheer

REPEAT CHORUS

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born

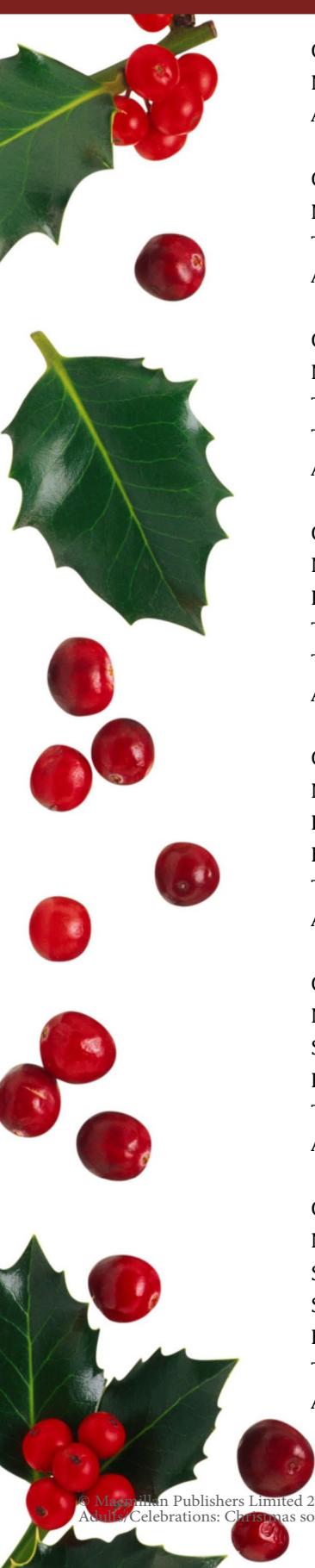
Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at thy birth
Jesus Lord at thy birth

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

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THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



On the first day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree

On the second day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the third day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Three French hens
Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the fourth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Four calling birds
Three French hens
Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the fifth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Five golden rings
Four calling birds
Three French hens, Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the sixth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings, Four calling birds
Three French hens, Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the seventh day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings, Four calling birds
Three French hens, Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the eighth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings, Four calling birds
Three French hens, Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the ninth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings, Four calling birds
Three French hens, Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the tenth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Ten lords a-leaping
Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings, Four calling birds
Three French hens, Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the eleventh day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords a-leaping
Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings, Four calling birds
Three French hens, Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree

On the twelfth day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords a-leaping
Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying
Five golden rings, Four calling birds
Three French hens, Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree