

Approach: One to one
 Focus: Listening to and imitating singing
 Resources: Audio tracks on laptop computer

Questions / instructions:

This activity uses the computer.

In this activity you will hear some short pieces of music on the computer. Listen carefully because after you have heard each piece, you will try to sing it in the same way. Sing “doo” to each of the tunes. There are seven pieces all together. We’ll start now.

Click the **Vocal Sizzle** button.

Discontinue the task if the student clearly indicates the wish to stop at any point.

[Each piece of music was scored on two dimensions – singing in tune and singing in rhythm.]

Tune 1 – Example:



		Linked to 1996 % response 2008 ('96)			Linked to 1996 % response 2008 ('96)		
		year 4	year 8		year 4	year 8	
Tune 2:							
Singing in tune:	in tune throughout	27 (19)	23 (28)	Singing in tune:	in tune throughout	20 (16)	21 (20)
	mostly in tune	25 (32)	24 (28)		mostly in tune	28 (28)	26 (28)
	in tune about half the time	14 (14)	11 (6)		in tune about half the time	23 (32)	17 (10)
	mostly out of tune	28 (28)	37 (36)		mostly out of tune	25 (22)	31 (40)
	speaking	3 (6)	3 (2)		speaking	3 (1)	3 (2)
Singing in rhythm:	in rhythm throughout	77 (75)	76 (76)	Singing in rhythm:	in rhythm throughout	77 (79)	77 (71)
	mostly in rhythm	15 (13)	17 (22)		mostly in rhythm	16 (17)	17 (27)
	mostly out of rhythm	5 (11)	5 (2)		mostly out of rhythm	6 (3)	4 (2)
	no attempt	3 (1)	2 (0)		no attempt	1 (1)	2 (0)
Tune 3:							
Singing in tune:	in tune throughout	24 (21)	23 (24)	Singing in tune:	in tune throughout	10 (13)	17 (20)
	mostly in tune	23 (22)	23 (21)		mostly in tune	27 (23)	24 (25)
	in tune about half the time	21 (26)	13 (15)		in tune about half the time	27 (29)	21 (24)
	mostly out of tune	26 (27)	35 (38)		mostly out of tune	33 (32)	33 (31)
	speaking	5 (3)	4 (2)		speaking	2 (2)	3 (0)
Singing in rhythm:	in rhythm throughout	79 (76)	76 (78)	Singing in rhythm:	in rhythm throughout	75 (75)	74 (75)
	mostly in rhythm	16 (20)	18 (19)		mostly in rhythm	20 (23)	20 (22)
	mostly out of rhythm	4 (3)	4 (3)		mostly out of rhythm	4 (1)	5 (3)
	no attempt	1 (1)	2 (0)		no attempt	1 (1)	1 (0)
Tune 4:							
Singing in tune:	in tune throughout	27 (19)	23 (28)	Singing in tune:	in tune throughout	20 (16)	21 (20)
	mostly in tune	25 (32)	24 (28)		mostly in tune	28 (28)	26 (28)
	in tune about half the time	14 (14)	11 (6)		in tune about half the time	23 (32)	17 (10)
	mostly out of tune	28 (28)	37 (36)		mostly out of tune	25 (22)	31 (40)
	speaking	3 (6)	3 (2)		speaking	3 (1)	3 (2)
Singing in rhythm:	in rhythm throughout	77 (75)	76 (76)	Singing in rhythm:	in rhythm throughout	77 (79)	77 (71)
	mostly in rhythm	15 (13)	17 (22)		mostly in rhythm	16 (17)	17 (27)
	mostly out of rhythm	5 (11)	5 (2)		mostly out of rhythm	6 (3)	4 (2)
	no attempt	3 (1)	2 (0)		no attempt	1 (1)	2 (0)
Tune 5:							
Singing in tune:	in tune throughout	24 (21)	23 (24)	Singing in tune:	in tune throughout	10 (13)	17 (20)
	mostly in tune	23 (22)	23 (21)		mostly in tune	27 (23)	24 (25)
	in tune about half the time	21 (26)	13 (15)		in tune about half the time	27 (29)	21 (24)
	mostly out of tune	26 (27)	35 (38)		mostly out of tune	33 (32)	33 (31)
	speaking	5 (3)	4 (2)		speaking	2 (2)	3 (0)
Singing in rhythm:	in rhythm throughout	79 (76)	76 (78)	Singing in rhythm:	in rhythm throughout	75 (75)	74 (75)
	mostly in rhythm	16 (20)	18 (19)		mostly in rhythm	20 (23)	20 (22)
	mostly out of rhythm	4 (3)	4 (3)		mostly out of rhythm	4 (1)	5 (3)
	no attempt	1 (1)	2 (0)		no attempt	1 (1)	1 (0)

