I Sing. You Sing.

Echo Songs for Young Singers

LEARNING SONGS

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1. ANTONYMS



Antonums

Use: Grammar, English skills.

Short version: Sing only one verse.

Related songs: 6. Contractions; 9. "I" Before "E"; 10. I Like to Rhyme;

24. Than I: 26. Two Vowels.

Bulletin board: Feature words: Antonym, Homonym, Synonym, Rhyme.

This song is written in cut time, so feel it in two. It opens Musical aspects:

> with a scale-like pattern going up from do to sol, then back down. Note that measures 25-32 feature the same notes as measures 1-8. The center section features arpeggiated triads: C major, D minor, E minor, F major

up—then be careful coming down!

Musical activities: Ask your students to point up when the melody goes up,

and point down when the melody goes down.

• Clap every time there is a quarter rest. Be careful not to

sing during that rest/clap!

Learning aspects: Grammar, English skills, antonyms.

Learning activities: • This song uses many antonyms—words that are the

opposite of each other.

• Compare an antonym with a synonym (words that mean the same), or a homonym (words that sound the same but have different meaning) with a rhyme (words that

end with the same sound).

• Pair up for a word game. Student A says a word, student

B comes up with an antonym, then trade.

• Work with a partner to create new verses to share with

the class.

Art activities: Draw a line down the middle of a sheet of paper. Choose

a set of antonyms, drawing one on the left side and one on the right side. For instance, draw a person smiling on the left side and frowning on the right side. You don't

have to use words from the song.