Johnny Works With One Hammer

folk song





Johnny works with two hammers...

Johnny works with three hammers...

Johnny works with four hammers...

Johnny works with five hammers, five hammers, five hammers. Johnny works with five hammers then his work is done.

Game Instructions

Have students sit on chairs in a circle. (This game can also be played with students either sitting on the floor or standing, but both of these versions require more student coordination.) Sing the first verse, with students tapping one fist lightly on their leg as if hammering. Keep all motions on the steady beat. In the second verse, when Johnny works with two hammers, students tap both fists on their legs. When Johnny works with three hammers, students tap both fists on their legs and tap one foot on the floor. When Johnny works with four hammers, students tap both fists on their legs and tap both feet on the floor. When Johnny works with five hammers, students tap both fists on their legs, tap both feet on the floor, and nod their heads up and down. At the end of the song, students fold their arms to show the work is done.