

Follow the Music

A group game for ages preschool through elementary.

Need something to do with a group of students that will help get the wiggles out? This game turns movement into learning.

Play this game like “Simon Says,” but with musical directions. Have the kids spread out. Go through the directions below with them – relating the actions to musical values, dynamics and tempo – then start calling out musical terms while the kids try to remember the correct actions. Mix them up and speed them up. Choose just a few or add your own to make the game easier or harder. Use flashcards with the symbols instead of speaking them out loud. If you make the wrong move, you’re out!

Sharp = move to the right

Flat - move to the left

Quarter note = stomp your foot once

Half note = stomp your foot twice

Whole note = stomp your foot four times

Rest = crouch down

Staccato = clap three times

Forte = shout “forte”

Piano = whisper “piano”

Tie = hold someone’s hand

Allegro = run in place very fast

Andante = walk in place

Repeat sign = do the last movement again

Fine = sit down

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