

# CLAP HANDS! STAMP FEET!

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## CHALLENGE

Think of some alternative lyrics and actions to sing and perform along to the song (nod head, twitch nose, knock knees etc.) How about more expressions and faces to pull at the end too?

## SHARE IT

Usually, babies begin to clap their hands together when they are around 6-10 months old. Can your parents or carers remember when you first began to clap your hands? Can they remember when you took your first steps, or perhaps even stamped your feet?

## TALK ABOUT

What sorts of things make you **feel all of the emotions** at the end of the verses: happy; grumpy; sleepy; ugly; scared?

## DID YOU KNOW?

**We're not the only species that put our hands together.** Great apes like gorillas, chimps and orangutans sometimes clap their hands to draw attention. But applause – clapping hands as a sign of approval or joy – is actually a learnt behaviour and seems to be limited to humans.

“THINK LEFT AND  
THINK RIGHT AND  
THINK LOW AND THINK  
HIGH. OH, THE THINKS  
YOU CAN THINK UP IF  
ONLY YOU TRY!”  
Dr. Seuss

Song taken from  
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