

CELEBRATIONS

Christmas songs

Teacher's notes

Age: Teenagers/Adults
Level: Intermediate (B1)
Time: 15 minutes



Activity: In this lesson, students will sing Christmas carols.

Language focus: rhythm and intonation; Christmas vocabulary

Materials: one copy of the worksheet per student; Christmas carols for students to listen to (either song videos or audio tracks)

Procedure

1. Ask students if they know any Christmas songs and write the titles on the board. Find out if anyone knows about carol singing – why people started singing carols, where, etc. Explain that carols were originally sung in churches.
2. Choose a carol you think your students would most enjoy singing. The worksheet contains suggestions for carols well-known in the UK, but you may wish to choose songs appropriate for your context. If so, make sure you have access to the lyrics for students to see.
3. Hand out copies of the worksheet. Play the carol through once, for them to listen to and follow the words. Then play it again and encourage students to sing along. Finally, play an instrumental version of the carol for students to sing along with (if one is available). Confident classes could be asked to sing unaccompanied.



TECH TIP: You will need a version of the carol for your students to sing along to. Depending on your students, you may wish to use a karaoke-style YouTube video or just an audio track. The following list contains suggestions from 'Children love to sing' on YouTube, and could be projected on to the board or simply played audio only:
www.youtube.com/user/childrenlovetosing

Jingle Bells

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPeol7oEzrw
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=okXB_YMaqkY

Away In A Manger

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnwO_0DrpCk
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArLNbQ_ITUM

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQRdvvBsCn4

Silent Night

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEH7_2c644Q
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uLC6cSEsJ0

The Twelve Days of Christmas

- With singing: www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyEyMjdD2uk
- Instrumental: www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkhOIsKmDbk