

# PizzIMMERSION

## Professional Learning Activities

### Mini lesson plan

#### Title

Singing a Song (example based on 'Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree')

#### Year level suggested

Years Preschool - 12

#### Useful for

Transitioning from one activity/subject to another  
Focus  
Emotional outlet  
Team building  
Creativity

#### Learning intention

To experience singing in a group and role model individual leadership and creativity

#### Background

Marion Sinclair wrote this song for submission in a contest in 1932

#### Steps

1. Teacher sings each line and the group repeats back
2. Practise each verse as a whole and move on to next verse until complete
3. Show dynamics (louds, softs) to create a more interesting version

#### Variations

#### Body Percussion

Ask students for their ideas on sounds and/or rhythms to fit the song in the form of their own body percussion or see our video for ideas. You may create a universal idea for the group, or individual sounds which complement each other.

#### Actions

Ask students to develop actions for the song or provide your own. The combination of singing with actions is great to focus and develop coordination.

#### Leadership

Ask a student leader to create and lead the group demonstrating actions and dynamics

#### Materials

A clear space in the classroom

#### Lyrics

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,  
Merry merry king of the bush is he,  
Laugh, kookaburra laugh,  
Kookaburra, gay your life must be.

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,  
Eating all the gum drops he can see.  
Stop Kookaburra, stop Kookaburra  
Save some there for me!

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree,  
Counting all the monkeys he can see.  
Laugh Kookaburra, laugh Kookaburra  
That's not a monkey, that's me!

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### Lyric writing

Teacher asks a participant what they ate for breakfast or any other seemingly uninteresting information. The breakfast menu is then used to vary the lyrics of any given song.

For example:

Toast dripping with jam is very nice  
Cereal is good, but it's cold as ice  
Eggs, eggs and bacon's great  
But it might just make me very late.

This variation could also be used for creative writing exercises – it's amazing how the combination of music and creativity go together!

### Curriculum links

#### Music

- Explore and Express Ideas
- Music Practices
- Present and Perform

#### Capabilities

- Personal and Social
  - Social Awareness and Management, Collaboration