

Hello, Bonjour, Ni Hao

*Hello everybody, listen to my song!
Can you sing it with me? Sing it all day long
Hello (x4)
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A welcome song which allows you to explore greetings in many languages. This is a great song to sing in the morning or at the start of a singing assembly. It also works as a 3-part round.

Starter Activity

- Rhythmically shaking and tapping various parts of the body whilst trying to maintain a steady pulse is a great way to get your pupils to feel the beat.
- Placing one finger on your nose and the other hand grabbing your ear then switching hands is a great coordination exercise designed to focus the students.

Useful Warmups

- The lip trill (Brr!) is a great way to quickly warm up your singers'. It allows them to safely explore the range of their voices.
- Try improvising rhythms and pitch patterns for your singers to repeat - using just the first 5 notes of the major scale (Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So). This song mainly uses these 5 notes and can help the students become familiarised with the key before learning the song.

Teaching Tips

- This song has 3 sections which can help you to break down the learning of the song – try splitting your group into 2. Group 1 can repeat the first section whilst Group 2 sing the second section. This can help them to become confident before trying to add Group 3 and eventually singing in a round.
- In the video we performed the song in E major which is the lowest key you should choose to ensure it isn't too low for children's voices. Once you have taught the song and the students feel confident try to take it a little higher (F major or G major)

Things To Look Out For

- Singing this piece as a round can be tricky when you get to the 2nd and 3rd section. This will take some rehearsal and thorough learning to perfect.

Extension Activities / Cross Curricular Links

- Languages – perhaps you have a language of the week/month. Ask the children to research greetings from that culture and try to fit them in to the song.

Glossary of Musical Terms

Pitch	How 'high' or 'low' the musical note sounds
Rhythm	Patterns of long and short sounds, many different rhythms can fit into one 'beat'
Melody	A sequence of single notes that is musically satisfying; a tune.
Unison	Two or more musical parts that have the same pitch (or an octave apart) and rhythm and are performed at the same time
Sequence	A passage of music that is repeated at a higher or lower pitch (see pitch)
Round	A round has several different phrases, which are sung on after the other, and then stacked at different times to create harmony

