

Rhyme Time

Title	Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer					
Possibilities for maths learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Composition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cardinality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subitise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison	<input type="checkbox"/> Measure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shape	<input type="checkbox"/> Pattern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spatial awareness			



Five little men in a flying saucer
Looked around the world one day
They looked left and right
But they didn't like the sight
So one man flew away.

Four little men in a flying saucer
Looked around the world one day
They looked left and right
But they didn't like the sight
So one man flew away.

Three little men in a flying saucer
Looked around the world one day
They looked left and right
But they didn't like the sight
So one man flew away.

Two little men in a flying saucer
Looked around the world one day
They looked left and right
But they didn't like the sight

So one man flew away.

One little man in a flying saucer
Looked around the world one day
They looked left and right
But they didn't like the sight
So one man flew away.

Link to rhyme online

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_1-TrP9jwA

Resources

You may decide to use visual aids to support this rhyme to enable your visual and kinaesthetic learners to be supported.

For a visual tool, you can use a wash mitt hand glove and decorate the fingers with details of an alien. As each alien flies away in you can fold the finger down.

You could also make alien finger puppets, or aliens on sticks to support the children to be involved. These can all be made by the children, or you could find alien cuddly toys for the children to use.

Extension opportunities

You can also support this rhyme by encouraging children to be the aliens in their flying saucers, and this may also include the children making their own flying saucers out of junk modelling equipment. This will make the rhyme feel more real.

You could then ask if the children can count how many of their friends are left as they take it in turn to fly off into space at the end of each verse. You could support children to make their own alien masks to depict the rhyme.

If you do not have any resources you can simply help children to count with their fingers and this will help them to count down and understand that one has been taken away each time. Asking the children at the end of each verse how many men are left will help to develop their problem solving skills as well as their number recognition and subtraction skills.

Home learning ideas

You can make number sacks for the home learning environment so parents can use these resources to extend the learning. Remember to put the words in the number sack too so parents and other family members can join in.