



Rhyme Time

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| Title | The Ants Go Marching |
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The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching one by one,
 The little one stops to suck her thumb
 And they all go marching down to the ground
 To get out of the rain

The ants go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching two by two, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching two by two,
 The little one stops to tie her shoe
 And they all go marching down to the ground
 To get out of the rain

The ants go marching three by three, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching three by three, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching three by three,
 The little one stops to climb a tree
 And they all go marching down to the ground
 To get out of the rain

The ants go marching four by four, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching four by four, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching four by four,
 The little one stops to shut the door
 And they all go marching down to the ground
 To get out of the rain

The ants go marching five by five, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching five by five, hurrah, hurrah
 The ants go marching five by five,
 The little one stops to take a dive
 And they all go marching down to the ground
 To get out of the rain



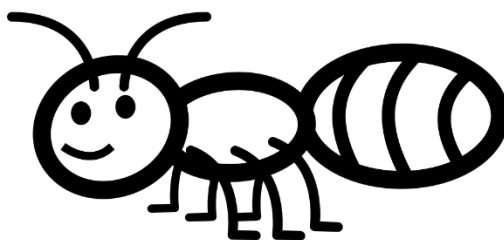
The ants go marching six by six, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching six by six, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching six by six,
The little one stops to pick up sticks
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain

The ants go marching seven by seven, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching seven by seven, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching seven by seven,
The little one stops to pray to heaven
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain

The ants go marching eight by eight, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching eight by eight, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching eight by eight,
The little one stops to shut the gate
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain

The ants go marching nine by nine, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching nine by nine, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching nine by nine,
The little one stops to check the time
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain

The ants go marching ten by ten, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching ten by ten, hurrah, hurrah
The ants go marching ten by ten,
The little one stops to say "THE END"
And they all go marching down to the ground
To get out of the rain





Link to rhyme online

If you have team members, students or parents who do not know the tune, a visual tool is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xozQnsGkJ4>

Resources

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

You could make ant finger puppets, or ants on sticks to support the children to be involved. These can all be made by the children or you may choose to make ant masks for the children so they are then able to act out the rhyme themselves.

You may choose to use small world ant toys to help children to be able to act this out on their own or to aid with their counting. Setting up a rhyme sack will enable children to access this at any time.

Extension opportunities

If you do not have any resources you can simply help children to count with their fingers and this will help them to count up and understand that each verse has one extra ant marching. Asking the children at the end of each verse how many there will be marching next time will help to develop their problem solving skills as well as their number recognition and addition skills.

Home learning ideas

Children will enjoy singing this rhyme at home and use the puppet and props with their parents. You can use the resources you created in the nursery for the home rhyme sacks, but remember to put the words in the sack too, so parents and other family members can join in.