

Lockdown Tales Activities



Henny Penny

Folktale

Performed for Wonderful Beast's Lockdown Tales by Petra Markham.



Pulse, patterns and personality!

There are other activities available in Lockdown Tales for this folk tale, but here is a musical activity to accompany them.

All the characters in the story have funny rhyming names. Can you remember them all?

Henny Penny, Cocky Locky, Ducky Daddles, Goosey Poosey, Turkey Lurkey, and Foxy Loxy.

Have someone begin a **steady pulse**, or **regular beat**. Clap it, tap it on your knee, feet, chest etc. Listen to the different sounds that different body parts or surfaces make, and choose which you like best.

Once that is established, say and clap the animals' names one by one, very rhythmically, to fit the pulse. Think in groups of 4 beats. Practice the word patterns and then move onto others. Then try putting a few of them together over the pulse or beat. It might work a bit like this:

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Henny	Penny	Henny	Penny	cluck!	Cluck!	Cluck!	Cluck!
Cocky	Locky	Cocky	Locky	cock—	a—	doodle—	do!
Du—	cky	Daddles	<i>rest</i>	Du—	cky	Daddles	<i>rest</i> *

**A rest means one beat silence here*

Can you make them sound completely different from each other to give them a personality? Maybe Henny Penny is rather chirpy, Goosey Poosey slower and lazier and Cocky Locky very pleased with himself.

Singing their names

You only need to use a few notes to make a song, and bring the animals to life even more. Perhaps you could make up a three or four note tune for each animal, to make a song in each of their characters.

Have fun!

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