



Using Song Lyrics to Build Language Skills

Use favorite popular song lyrics to play literacy-building games at home. How about Family-Style American Idol or Crazy Car Karaoke? Song lyrics can be easily found online and printed. Just search using song titles or a few lines of lyrics. Sing, read or act out the lyrics for family fun. Don't mention how this activity improves the student's understanding of language sounds, words and relationships. It will be our little secret! Try this Supertramp song for your first family performance.

"Logical Song"

by Supertramp

When I was young, it seemed that life was so wonderful,
A miracle, oh it was beautiful, magical.

And all the birds in the trees, well they'd be singing
so happily,
Joyfully, playfully watching me.

But then they sent me away to teach me how to
be sensible,
Logical, responsible, practical.

And they showed me a world where I could be
so dependable,
Clinical, intellectual, cynical.

There are times when all the world's asleep,
The questions run too deep

For such a simple man.

Won't you please, please tell me what we've learned
I know it sounds absurd
But please tell me who I am.

Now watch what you say or they'll be calling you a
radical,
Liberal, fanatical, criminal.

Won't you sign up your name, we'd like to feel you're
Acceptable, respectable, presentable, a vegetable!

At night, when all the world's asleep,
The questions run so deep
For such a simple man.

Won't you please, please tell me what we've learned
I know it sounds absurd
But please tell me who I am.

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