

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

ALTERED VERSION

The adult starts the verse correctly but then gives the wrong sound for the animal mentioned. The child has to stop the adult and give the correct animal sound.

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,
And on his farm he had some chicks, E-I-E-I-O.
With a moo-moo here, and a moo-moo there,
Here a moo, there a moo, ev'rywhere a moo-moo.
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

To make it a little harder, the adult can sing:

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,
And on his farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O.
With a quack-quack here, and a honk-honk there,
Here a cluck, there a neigh, ev'rywhere an oink-oink.
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

The child has to wait till the end of the verse to correct the adult and give the correct animal sound. This requires the child to remember the animal originally mentioned. It is difficult for many young children (and some adults!) to do this.