

Playground clapping, chants and songs

Key composer, genre and instruments

Song: Jai Ho (2009)
A R Rahman
Born: 1967 Chennai, India



Genre: Bollywood
From the film Slumdog
Millionaire (2008)

A.R. Rahman is an Indian film composer, record producer, singer, and songwriter who works predominantly in Tamil and Hindi films. He has won many awards for his film music.

The Pussycat dolls recorded the song Jai Ho with A.R. Rahman. They are an American girl dance group formed in Los Angeles, California in 1995.



Instruments in the song: keyboard, synthesizer and drums.



Key Skills

Use voices with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Clap and sing in time to a steady beat.

Sing in tune.

Recognise simple notation - 'ta' 'tete' as crotchets and quavers.

Improvise lyrics and actions during circle songs.

Compose lyrics for a new playground song/chant/clapping game.

Learn to sing songs and chants from memory.



Relevant songs

Playground choosing games: One Potato, Two Potato; Ip Dip Sky Blue; Coconut Crack.

Playground clapping games: A Sailor Went to Sea Sea Sea; Tic Tac Toe; Ibble Obble Black Bobble; John Kanaka; Chocolate (Spanish chant).

Circle/Line group games: Here Comes Sally; Tang Sh-me Labada (Polish song); There Once Was a Frog, Jump Jim Joe; Jump in Jump out; Mama Llama, My Old Sow, Bungalow.

Key Vocabulary

compose	To create your own ideas in music and write them down.
chant	A chant is spoken, like a rap to a rhythm.
song	A song has a melody.
notation	The way music is written down.
ta	A line to represent one beat (a crotchet).
te-te	Two lines joined with a line on top to represent 2 quicker claps (quavers).
Bollywood	A style of music originating in India, which features in many Indian films.
rhythm	A pattern of beats.
pulse	A steady beat that doesn't stop throughout the song.
improvise	To make something up quickly on the spot.

