

Fun Music Activities for Your Emergency Kit

Quick musical games to play if you only have 10 minutes fillers that are fun!

Freeze Dance Game. Turn this activity into a musical statue game when they freeze. Notice shapes and use critical thinking skills to discover angles, 3D, etc.

 [The Dance Free Song](#)

 [Encanto](#)

Drum Circle. When drumming, try to feel what entrainment feels like. Entrainment' is **the coordination or synchronization of different rhythms**. 'Interpersonal entrainment' is timing coordination between two or more individuals. It's magic when this happens!

 [Honky Tonk Woman](#)

 [Livin' On a Prayer](#)

Silent Relay Rhythm Challenge. Pick a player from Team 1 and Team 2. (Or even up to four teams). Using a fun item (baton, juggle balls, skipping rope, see which team member can keep a rhythm that is fun to watch, etc. The audience collectively picks the winner. Make it fun-not overly competitive.

For those who want to go deeper about rhythms, read this article.



[Except It Is Unfair](#)

 [Cosmic Rhythm Rally](#)

 [Egyptian Wonder](#)

Form a Follow-the-Leader Conga Line.

 [Miami Sound Machine](#)

 [Congo Line Dance](#)

Play 'Find an Instrument to Play Game.' Use the rhythm section on the keyboard to accompany them unless you play an instrument. Or use these.

 [I Haven't Found What I Was Looking For](#)

 [One Step Too Far](#)

Musical Hot Potato. Children sit in a circle. They pass the ball or beanbag or best yet-potato- around the circle while music plays in the background. If you drop the ball, you are out. When the music stops, the person holding the "hot potato" is out. The last person is the winner. To move this faster, have four teams sitting in circles. When a student gets out, they dance around their team.

 [Best Songs for Schools](#)

There is over one hour's worth of music here. Yippee~!

 [Musical Drawing Game](#)

This one link provides over three hours of music for drawing. It's always fun to watch 4-6 kids draw, at the same while you play the music. Use a paint cart or easel, blackboards, white boards, Smart Boards, chart paper, mural paper, or even white paper on a clipboard. Then be sure they title their and sign their masterpiece!

Play Musical Charades. Always have a musical charades box, with ideas, with you. The first team chooses 1 person to start, and they play until the timer goes off; they pick a paper and begin. They can use words, sounds, or actions to get their team to guess what word is on the paper. If it is too hard, they say "pass" and put the paper off to the side. Starting suggestions are included for you below.

For Musical Charades

Cut index cards in half and print a phrase or word on each card. As you think of more, build your set. You decide when they use or do not use sounds. This is integrated arts at its best as it allows for sounds, humming, acting and strong facial and body expression!

Train sound	Make effects of the sound of a storm. Found sound works.	Give them a belly laugh	Hum Mary Had a Little Lamb action	Whistle a song you know
Hum 'The hills are alive with the Sound of Music' while acting it out.	Moon walk, like Michael Jackson	Play an air guitar	Hum 'What a Wonderful World,' using la las.	FREE PICK. Do what you want for them as long as you do not speak
Make a sound of a bird flying	Play a violin as a solo violinist performing	Singin in the Rain hum or act or do both	A dog wagging his tail because he is happy to see you	Do actions for Pop Goes the Weasel
A cat sneaking around after a mouse	London Bridge is Falling Down	Building a sandcastle at the beach	Running a very difficult marathon	Get them to say Captain Underpants
The Giving Tree dramatization	Do yoga	Little Red Riding Hood demo	Looking at Niagara Falls for the first time	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire actions

There are a million songs for charades.  [Musical Charades.](#)