



Sing Up with Oxfam

Classroom concerts, global discovery

Age range: Years 3-6

Time: Open-ended

Outline

This resource, written in partnership with Sing Up, features a collection of songs about food and farming from around the world. It has been designed to meet the recommendations of the **The National Plan for Music Education**, support the practice of singing as a classroom activity and encourage performance opportunities.

Using music to explore the global issue of food in a creative way, the songs are presented with extension activities that support citizenship education and place the songs in their wider global contexts.

Learning Objectives

KS2 Music

- To control sounds through singing and playing – performing skills (Music 1)
- To respond and review – appraising skills (Music 3)
- To listen and apply knowledge and understanding (Music 4)

Resources

- Warm-ups

Songs and singing activities:

- One man went to mow
- Bassez down
- Mama, will you buy me a banana?
- Senwa dedende
- Tue Tue

Citizenship activities:

- Can you beat the system?
- Grow Island debate
- Farming snakes and ladders

Curricular links and extension work

KS2 Citizenship

- Developing confidence and responsibility, and making the most of their abilities (Citizenship 1)
- Preparing to play an active role as citizens (Citizenship 2)



Welcome...

... to Sing Up with Oxfam! This unique Key Stage 2 music resource puts **singing at the heart of learning** and uses music as a tool to explore **global issues**.

The voice can be used to express emotion and communicate powerfully with any audience, and is used by many cultures and traditions around the globe. Group singing is powerful in its ability to create a sense of **shared purpose, social unity and collective enjoyment**; as well as being fun, educational, joyous and inspiring.



Zainabu Jalloh (right) participates in singing activities during class, held in the newly renovated building at Early Learning School in West Point, Monrovia, Liberia. Aubrey Wade/Oxfam GB

Oxfam, in partnership with Sing Up, have developed the Sing Up with Oxfam resource to enable teachers to integrate music into their classroom activities in an inclusive way and to support the development of a **singing strategy** that ensures every child sings and performs regularly.

It is also a fantastic introduction to the exciting topic of **food and farming**, introducing pupils to the challenges and injustices that people face around the world and encouraging them to think about the reasons behind them and be part of their solution.



Activity Outline

1. Warm-ups

Ideas for getting going before each song.

2. The songs

| Years | Part | Song | Citizenship activity |
|-------|------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 | 3 | One man went to mow | Can you beat the system? |
| 3-6 | 4 | Bassez down | |
| 3-4 | 5 | Mama, will you buy me a banana? | Grow Island debate |
| 3-6 | 6 | Senwa dedende | |
| 5- 6 | 7 | Tue, Tue | Farming snakes and ladders |

3. Follow-up ideas



Performance is an important part of all music making. It can also be used as a vehicle for pupils to give a more public voice to issues they have learnt about and are interested in. Throughout the pack you will see the Oxjam logo with different performance suggestions, such as assemblies or classroom performances. If you like to think big, then organising an Oxjam event inspired by the songs is a fantastic way of sharing knowledge of global issues, raising awareness and even fundraising!



Where does our food come from? How is the climate changing what's on our plates? And, with a global population set to hit 9 billion by 2050, how will we ever manage to make sure everyone always has enough to eat?

These are some of the questions pupils can explore through our new Food for Thought schools project, as they are encouraged to learn, think and take action as active global citizens. The Citizenship activities suggested in this resource are all included in [Oxfam's Food For Thought schools project](#). There are many more activities available to download to keep pupils learning, thinking and getting active.

Teacher content background notes

In this pack, you will find a taster of the resources available on both the [Oxfam Education website](#) and through [Sing Up Membership](#). You will find links and signposts throughout to guide you to where you can find more. Use the warm-up activities before you start learning a song as a way of getting the class focused, relaxed and ready to sing.

For each song there is an outline of the key music elements that will be covered and how this links to the curriculum. You will also find the sheet music, a step-by-step guide to learning the song, plus links to online audio files and backing tracks on the Sing Up or Oxfam website.



The songs and activities in this resource are focused around the theme of food and small-scale farming. They take pupils through a **Learn-Think-Act** process to help them develop their understanding of how food makes its way from the field to people's plates, whether this is fair for all the world's people and what can be done to bring about change.

Learn → Pupils learn more about the issue, with cross-curricular or subject specific resources.

Think → Pupils reflect on their learning, and consider alternative ways of bringing about change.

Act → Pupils think creatively about what things they can do, then plan and lead their own actions.

About Us



OXFAM

Oxfam is a global movement of people who share the belief that, in a world rich in resources, poverty isn't inevitable. It's an injustice which can, and must, be overcome. We're dedicated to building a just and safer world focusing on people's basic rights. We respond fast in emergencies, and stay to help people rebuild their lives. We work on long-term projects with communities determined to shape a better future for themselves. And we campaign for genuine, lasting change.

Oxfam Education offers a huge range of ideas, resources and support for developing the global dimension in the classroom and the whole school, helping pupils understand their world and make a positive difference in it.



Sing Up is an award-winning not-for-profit organisation providing the complete singing solution for schools, with access to the unique Song Bank, tailored resources, training and personalised support.

Sing Up transforms school life, improves learning and builds stronger communities. As the singing-in-school experts recognised with the Royal Philharmonic Society's (RPS) Education Award and by the National Plan for Music Education, Sing Up's cross-curricular tools and support put singing at the heart of school life.

The Sing Up songs in this resource are freely available to you – just follow the links to the [Sing Up website](#) and log in, or register as a Sing Up Friend to access them.

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