



Focus word: una gallina - a chicken or hen (oo-nah gah-yeen-nah)

This session's song

Actions

La Gallina Turuleca ~ The Wacky Chicken

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| <p>1 Yo conozco una vecina
Que ha comprado una gallina
Que parece una sardina enlatada</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know of a neighbour • Who has bought herself a chicken • That looks like a sardine in a tin • |
| <p>2 Tiene las patas de alambre
Porque pasa mucho hambre
Y la pobre está todita desplumada</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hen's legs are oh so wiry • Cos she's always very hungry • And the poor chicken has not a feather to be seen • |
| <p>3 Pone huevos en la sala
Y también en la cocina
Pero nunca los pone en el corral</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She lays eggs in the lounge • and also in the kitchen • but never ever lays them in the yard • |
| <p>4 La gallina turuleca
Es un caso singular
La gallina turuleca
Está loca de verdad</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wacky, wacky chicken • She's very unique • The wacky, wacky, chicken • Is truly crazy indeed • |
| <p>5 La gallina turuleca
Ha puesto un huevo, ha puesto dos, ha puesto tres
La gallina turuleca
Ha puesto cuatro ha puesto cinco, ha puesto seis
La gallina turuleca
Ha puesto siete, ha puesto ocho, ha puesto nueve</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wacky, wacky chicken • She's laid one, she's laid two, she's laid three eggs, • The wacky, wacky chicken • She's laid four, she's laid five, she's laid six eggs, • The wacky, wacky chicken • She's laid seven, and eight and nine eggs, • |
| <p>6 ¿Dónde está esa gallinita?
Déjala, la pobrecita
Déjala que ponga diez</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is that little chicken? • Let her be poor little hen, • Let her be so she can lay ten! • |

Suggested actions and movement for both versions

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| <p>1</p> | <p>Start by pointing to head, then make a chicken action moving bent arms up and down by sides.
Finish first verse by sucking in cheeks and making a silly face!</p> |
| <p>2</p> | <p>Point down to legs then rub tummy to show 'hambre ~ hungry'.
Next, hold hands out to sides and shake head.</p> |
| <p>3</p> | <p>Point to one side with thumb, then the other. Next wave finger side to side then face both palms up and move them away from the body.</p> |
| <p>4</p> | <p>Make chicken action then circle index fingers by either side of the head to make 'wacky ~ turuleca' action.</p> |
| <p>5</p> | <p>Use 'wacky chicken ~ gallina turuleca' action throughout verse and show relevant number of fingers up to nine.</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Finish by putting hands out to show 'where ~ donde', then put hands out in front of body to show ten.</p> |

Suggested adaptations

Preschool Group

- Sing this song with a parachute using 10 'eggs' soft balls eg. You could choose one child to be the wacky chicken racing round to lay 'throw' the eggs on!
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LA GRANJA - THE FARM



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Why not try...

Counting Eggs

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Contando Huevos

La Gallina Turuleca ~ The Wacky Chicken is a hugely popular song in Spanish speaking countries and although there are a lot of lyrics, it's such a fun song to enjoy and great for counting numbers up to 10 in English and in Spanish.

You can make your own 'corral' which translates to 'pen, yard, or farmyard' in English using a blanket laid on the floor.

Place 10 balls, or plastic eggs into a box or basket.

Listen to the song and as the chicken lays her eggs, ask children to place the eggs into the corral.

This activity is great for listening and associating language to real life context for older children and for younger preschoolers, you can put the eggs in together as a guided activity.

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Areas of
Learning

Communication &
Language

Physical Development

Numeracy

Understanding the
World

Expressive Arts and
Design

Resources required:

Parachute (optional)

10 'eggs' (optional)

Observation Opportunities



Copy gestures and words using actions for 'La Gallina ~ Chicken' and 'Wacky ~ Turuleca'.

Demonstrate two different actions with arms and hands in quick succession.

Recite numbers past 5

Listen to and appreciate a popular song from the Spanish speaking world - La Gallina Turuleca

Enjoy & take part in action songs

