

4.43 30 days have September, April, June and November

Topic: Measurement

Subtopic: Time

Activity type/skill: Rhyme memorisation

Literacy focus: Listening

Genre: Expressions of time

Objective

- Become familiar with a traditional rhyme.
- Practise pronouncing the names of the months.
- Make links to prior knowledge.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)
- [Audio track 4.43](#)

What to do

1. Explain to the students that they are going to learn a rhyme that will help them remember the names of the months. Read the rhyme aloud:

30 days have September
April, June and November
All the rest have 31
Excepting February alone
And it has 28 days clear
And 29 in each leap year.

2. Ask students if there are similar rhymes in their countries. Get them to tell the group about them. If not, find out if they have another easy way to remember the length of months.
3. Play 4.43 (Track 16 for this topic) and let them listen to the track, saying the omitted words in every gap.
4. Complete the certificate at the bottom of the student worksheet when the student can repeat the rhyme. It may take a few attempts!

Activity forty-two


- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

Activity forty-three



Track 16

can remember and write all of the month verse



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