

# Fingerplays



## DANCING FINGERS

Dancing fingers in the air,  
(wiggle fingers in the air)  
Dancing fingers in my hair,  
(wiggle on top of head)  
Dancing fingers on my knees,  
(wiggle fingers on knees)  
Dancing fingers on the keys.  
(wiggle fingers on the keys, playing lightly)



## FIVE FAT PEAS

Five fat peas in a pea pod pressed  
(hold hand in a fist)  
One grew, two grew, so did all the  
rest.  
(put thumb and fingers up one by one)  
They grew and grew,  
(raise hand in the air very slowly)  
And did not stop,  
Until one day...  
The pod went POP!  
(children clap hands together)



## HERE IS THE BEEHIVE

Here is the beehive,  
(make a fist)  
Where are the bees?  
Hiding inside where nobody sees.  
One by one they come outside,  
One, two, three, four, five  
(release one finger at a time from the fist/  
hive)  
...BUZZ-ZZZ  
(wiggle fingers)



## HERE IS FINGER 5

Here is finger 5,  
Finger 5 shakes side to side.  
(hold up finger 5 then make a waving mo-  
tion)

Here is finger 2,  
Finger 2 ties my shoe.  
(hold up finger 2 then make a loop in the  
air)



## FLAT HANDS, ROUND HANDS

Flat hands, make a cave.  
(put hands flat on table then raise to round  
handshape)  
Round hands, run away.  
(tap round hands on table then put behind  
back)

Here is finger 4,  
Finger 4 can stay no more.  
(hold up finger 4 as much as possible before  
putting it down)

Here is finger 3,  
Finger 3's a buzzy bee.  
(hold up finger 3 then wriggle and fly  
through the air)



## TEN FLAMINGOS

Ten flamingos standing tall,  
(hold up hands)  
'Til one tires and has to fall.  
(drop one finger down)

Nine flamingos standing tall,  
'Til one tires and has to fall.

Eight flamingos...etc.

One flamingo standing tall,  
(hold up hands)  
'Til one tires and there's no more.  
(close hand and then show open palms)

Here is finger 1,  
Finger 1 let's have some fun!  
(hold up finger 1 then give thumbs up)



## FIVE LITTLE BUNNIES

This little bunny went to market,  
(hold up and waggle finger 1)  
This little bunny stayed home,  
(hold up and waggle finger 2)  
This little bunny had dinner,  
(hold up and waggle finger 3)  
This little bunny had none,  
(hold up and waggle finger 4)  
And this little bunny went: "wee,  
wee, wee", all the way home!  
(hold up and waggle finger 5)



## TIPPY TAPPY

Tippy, tappy, tapping fingers,  
(tap all fingers on floor/table)  
One, one, one, one,  
(tap finger 1 four times)  
Two, two, two, two,  
(tap finger 2 four times)  
Three, three, three, three,  
(tap finger 3 four times)  
Four, four, four, four,  
(tap finger 4 four times)  
Five, five, five, five, FIVE!  
(tap finger 5 five times)



## FIVE FAT FROGS

Five fat frogs, sitting on a lily pad,  
(hold left palm face up and sit right hand  
fingertips on top)  
One, two, three, four, five,  
(tap each finger in turn on the palm)  
More fat frogs, feeling a little sad,  
(hold right palm face up and sit left hand  
fingertips on top)  
One, two, three, four, five,  
(tap each finger in turn on the palm)  
Cheer 'em up, ask: "what's up?"  
(hold left palm face up and sit right hand  
fingertips on top)  
Ribbit, rabbit, ribbit,  
(tap all right hand fingertips on left hand  
palm in time with syllables)  
Bibbit, babbitt, bibbit,  
(tap all right hand fingertips on left hand  
palm in time with syllables)  
Ribbit, rabbit,  
(tap all right hand fingertips on left hand  
palm in time with syllables)  
Bibbit, babbitt,  
(tap all right hand fingertips on left hand  
palm in time with syllables)  
Ribbit, rabbit, ribbit!  
(tap all right hand fingertips on left hand  
palm in time with syllables)



## RIGHT HAND, LEFT HAND

This is my right hand I'll raise it up  
high,  
(hold right hand up)  
This is my left hand I'll touch the sky,  
(hold left hand up)  
Right hand, left hand,  
(hold up each in turn)  
Roll them around,  
(roll arms roly poly style)  
Left hand, right hand,  
(hold up each in turn)  
Pound, pound, pound.



## TEN TALL KANGAROOS

Ten tall kangaroos bouncing around,  
(hold up hands and bounce up and down)  
One bounces all the way into the  
ground,  
(wiggle one finger and then drop it down)  
Nine tall kangaroos...etc.

One tall kangaroo bouncing around,  
(hold up hands and bounce up and down)  
She bounces all the way homeward  
bound.  
(bounce off and around behind your back)



## FRIENDS MEET

Friends meet end-to-end,  
(hold up hands and wiggle)  
Say hello, here we go,  
(wave hands side to side then hold facing  
each other)  
One, two, three, four, five  
(tap right hand and left hand fingers to-  
gether one at a time)  
More friends end-to-end,  
(hold up hands and wiggle)  
Say hello, here we go,  
(wave hands side to side then hold facing  
each other)  
Five, four, three, two, one.  
(tap matching fingers together with a part-  
ner's fingers one at a time)