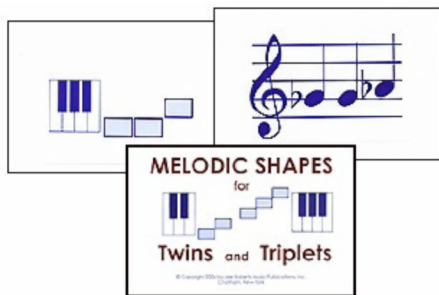


3 Fun Games with Melodic Shapes flashcards

Here are 3 games using the Lee Roberts
Melodic Shapes Cards.



Pre-reading: “Pick a Card”

- Fan cards out face down.
- Student chooses

one card and plays its melodic pattern. Point and say before playing: Student points to notes and says, for instance, "Low, low, high," then plays the pattern on the keyboard.

“Cookie Jar” Circle Game (For Halloween “Pumpkin Patch” variation, place pumpkins over patterns)

- Students move to music, around a circle of pattern cards placed face down or face up on the floor. Use animal movements that students suggest, or various rhythms with skipping, hopping, etc.
- When the music stops, students stop. They then play the card they are in front of. Students put the cards in the “cookie jar” (middle of the circle) as they finish, or, they leave cards on the piano and play them together as a song.

Ear Training, or “Loose Tooth” (if with 7 year olds)

- Students look at 4 pattern cards on piano rack.
- One student or teacher plays one pattern (out of visual line of other students).
- Students pick the card that they heard. As you take cards away, they are the “teeth that students lose.”



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