Red
(Sounds like "Loopy Loo Chorus")

Swing your hand up and point to your mouth on the word, "red."

R-E-D spells "red!"

Swing your hand back down, and then back up again to point to your mouth on the word, "red."

R-E-D spells "red!"

Swing your hand back down, and then back up again to point to your mouth on the word, "red."

R-E-D spells "red!"

Make a fist and point to it to show a tomato, and then point to your head.

Point To Your Hand!

Point to your head!

Red as a tomato head!
Orange
(Sounds like “The Upward Trail”)

March in place in time with the music.

March!

O-R-A-N-G-E, orange!

March in place in time with the music.

March!

O-R-A-N-G-E, orange!

Along with the music, draw a carrot in front of you, then make a pumpkin in front of your tummy, and then fly like a parrot.

Draw A Carrot! Show Me A Pumpkin! Fly!

Orange as a carrot, a pumpkin, or a parrot!

March and punch up on each word, “Orange, orange, orange!”

March And Punch Up Right, Left, Right!

Orange, orange, orange!
Yellow
(Sounds like “Are You Sleeping?”)

Yellow! Yellow! Y-E-L-L-O-W!

On each word, “Yellow,” make the sun with your hands as shown, once to the right and once to the left.

Make the Yellow Sun!

Do The Sign For “Yellow” With Both Hands!

Make a sign language Y with your hands and then twist them back and forth for the sign for “yellow.” Do this as you spell the word.

Yellow! Yellow! Y-E-L-L-O-W!

On each word, “Yellow,” make the sun with your hands as shown, once to the right and once to the left.

Make the Yellow Sun!

Do The Sign For “Yellow” With Both Hands!

Make a sign language Y with your hands and then twist them back and forth for the sign for “yellow.” Do this as you spell the word.

Yellow! Yellow! Y-E-L-L-O-W!

Make a circle over head for the sun, peel a banana, and then show two fingers. Then do sign language for yellow as before.

Make a circle!

Peel the banana like a gorilla!

Show Two Fingers!

Do The Sign For “Yellow” With Both Hands!

Yellow sun and banana, too! Y-E-L-L-O-W!

Make a circle over head for the sun, peel a banana, and then show two fingers. Then do sign language for yellow as before.

Make a circle!

Peel the banana like a gorilla!

Show Two Fingers!

Do The Sign For “Yellow” With Both Hands!

Yellow sun and banana, too! Y-E-L-L-O-W!

(repeat from beginning)
Green
(Sounds like “Get On Board Little Children”)

Make a sign language G with your fingers as shown, and twist it back and forth as in the American Sign Language sign for green.

G-R-E-E-N!

Pretend to be a greedy little leprechaun counting his gold!

Green as a little leprechaun is!

Make a sign language G with your fingers as shown, and twist it back and forth as in the American Sign Language sign for green.

G-R-E-E-N!

Be a caterpillar!

A fat caterpillar is green!
Blue
(Sounds like “Who Did Swallow Jonah?” -shortened-)

Make a sign language B with your fingers as shown, and shake it back and forth as in the American Sign Language sign for blue.

B-L-U-E, that spells blue!

Touch the Sky!

Make wavy water hands!

Show the ocean water with your hands, and then show the sky.

Ocean blue! Sky blue, too!

Make a sign language B with your fingers as shown, and shake it back and forth as in the American Sign Language sign for blue.

B-L-U-E, that spells blue!

Make rain fall with your fingers!

Raindrop blue!
Purple
(Sounds like “Yankee Doodle”)

Pull on each of your fingers, pretending to pick purple berries.

Pull Your Fingers And Pretend to Pick Berries!

P-U-R-P-L-E,

Pretend to spread jam on your hand with your finger.

Pretend to Spread Jam On Your Hand!

Like boysenberry jam!

Pull on each of your fingers, pretending to pick purple berries.

Pull Your Fingers And Pretend to Pick Berries!

P-U-R-P-L-E,

Point!

As purple as a grape man!
Brown
(Sounds like "Jimmy Crack Corn")

Trace your brown eyebrow.

B-R-O-W-N!

Trace your brown eyebrow.

"Brown" is spelled just like this!

Trace your brown eyebrow.

B-R-O-W-N!

Shake your finger. Then blow a kiss at someone after the word, "kiss!"

As brown as a chocolate kiss!
Black
(Sounds like “Peer Gynt Suite”)

Wave your hands around, as if you are trying to see in the dark.

Wave Hands Around As If Trying To See In The Dark!

B-L-A-C-K spells black!

Fly like a bat, and then put on a triangle hat.

Fly!

Put on a triangle hat!

Flying bat! Pointy hat!

Wave your hands around, as if you are trying to see in the dark.

Wave Hands Around As If Trying To See In The Dark!

Black as night without a light!

Wave your hands around, as if you are trying to see in the dark.

Wave Hands Around As If Trying To See In The Dark!

B-L-A-C-K. BLACK!

Shout, “Black,” loudly, spreading your fingers out and trying to scare someone.
White
(Sounds like “Mrs. White Had a Fright”)

Pretend to make a snowball, and then rub your tummy on the word, “marshmallow.”

White as snow! Marshmallow!

Pull on your shirt to show the color white, as in sign language for white.

W-H-I-T-E!

Pretend you’re a bear, and then point to your underwear!

Polar bear! Underwear!

Pull on your shirt to show the color white, as in sign language for white.

W-H-I-T-E!

Pull on your shirt to show the color white, as in sign language for white.
Gray
(Sounds like “Father’s Whiskers”)

Pretend you’re an elephant!

Oh, the elephant is gray!
Wave Your Hands
In Front Of Your Eyes!

It’s G-R-A-Y, gray!

Eat cheese like a mouse! Then make a house with your hands.

Just like the mouse, inside my house,

Wave Your Hands
In Front Of Your Eyes!

It’s G-R-A-Y, gray!
Pink
(Sounds like “Ain’t Gonna Rain No More”)

Pinch Your Nose!

Pinch your nose, because the pig stinks.

Pinky was a stinky pig,

Trace Your Lips!

Trace your pink lips with your finger when spelling the word.

P-I-N-K, pink!

Give Yourself a Bath!

On the word, “pink,” flip your hand forward in an effeminate way as shown.

And he needs a bath I think!

Trace Your Lips!

Trace your pink lips with your finger when spelling the word.

P-I-N-K, pink!
An
(Sounds like “Johnny Works With One Hammer“)

As in the song, “Johnny Works With One Hammer,” sit down on the floor and pound on one knee with one fist.

Hammer On
One Knee!

An is written A-N!   A-N, A-N!

Add a second fist on your other knee.

Hammer On
Two Knees!

An is written A-N!   An, an an!

Add in one foot, and keep your two fists going on your knees at the same time.

Hammer On Two Knees
And Add One Foot!

An is written A-N!   A-N, A-N!

For the last verse, pound both hands on both knees, pound both feet on the ground, and throw your head back and forth at the same time!

Hammer On Two Knees,
Both Feet, and Your Head!

An is written A-N!   An, an an!
At
(Sounds like “Sarasponda”)

Pat your legs in time with the music. Then do the motion for Zoo-Phonics’ Allie Alligator on the letter A and Timothy Tiger on the letter T, or make up your own.

“At” is written, “at” is written with an A and then a T!

Continue as before!

“At” is written, “at” is written with an A and then a T!

Touch your head, as if looking for your hat.

Touch your head!

Shake your finger!

Shake your finger to indicate “No fooling me.”

Oh, where’s my hat? I don’t know where it’s at!

Do the motion for Allie Alligator and Timothy Tiger again for the letters A and T. Then shake the T position over and over again on the words, “At, at, at, at, at!”

Chomp like an alligator!

First an A and then a T! At, at, at, at, at!
Big
(By Heidi Butkus)

Act like a gorilla, putting one hand down on the word, "great" and the other down on the word, "gorilla." Then, monkey around more when you spell B-I-G!

Pretend you’re a gorilla! Shake Your Gorilla Booty! B - I - G!

I like a great big gorilla in a banana tree! B-I-G! B-I-G!

Thump your chest like a gorilla, and then scratch a flea like a gorilla. Then, monkey around as before when you spell B-I-G!

Thump Your Chest! Scratch a Flea! B - I - G!

Thumping his chest and scratchin’ a flea! B-I-G! B-I-G!

Hit a monkey pose as shown on each word, "Big," then shake your booty when you spell it. Wave the stinky smell away, then do the "B-I-G" dance again!

Big! Big! Shake Your Gorilla Booty! Stinky! B - I - G!

Because he’s big, big! B-I-G! Stinky and big! B-I-G!

Hit a monkey pose as shown on each word, "Big," then shake your booty when you spell it. Wave the stinky smell away, then do the "B-I-G" dance again!

Big! Big! Shake Your Gorilla Booty! Stinky! B - I - G!

Because he’s big, big! B-I-G! Stinky and big! B-I-G!
Do
(Sounds like “Skip To My Lou”)

D-O! What should I do?
Put one hand out, and then the other as shown on “D” and “O.”. Then shrug on “what” and let your shoulders drop on “do.”

D-O! What should I do?

D-O! What should I do?

Put one hand out, and then the other as shown on “D” and “O.”. Then shrug on “what” and let your shoulders drop on “do.”

D-O! What should I do?

Brush away the stinky air!

Stinky!

My little dog went doo-doo!
Down
(Sounds like "The Ants Go Marching", Verse 1)

D-O-W-N! Go down! Go down!

D-O-W-N! Go down! Go down!

D-O-W-N! I can spell "down," and that's the end,
March In A Circle!

And we all go marching down to the ground
March In A Circle! Pat the Floor, Right, Left, Right!

To get out of the rain, boom, boom, boom!
Down
(Sounds like “The Ants Go Marching”, Verse 2)

Pat the air down to the right in time to the music as shown. Then, point and crouch down each time you say, “Go down!”

Pat the Air Down!

Point Down!

D-O-W-N! Go down! Go down!

Pat the air down to the left in time to the music as shown. Then, point and crouch down each time you say, “Go down!”

Pat the Air Down!

Point Down!

D-O-W-N! Go down! Go down!

Pat the air down (facing the center) in time to the music as shown. Then, point to yourself on the word, “I.”

Pat the Air Down!

I

D-O-W-N! I can spell “down,”

Jump and punch the air on the words, “The end!”

Punch!

And that’s THE END!
Has
(By Heidi Butkus)

First you make an H,
Step And Push To the Right!

And then an A and then an S,
Step And Push To the Left!

And that is “has,” “has,” “has!”
Wiggle Your Hands Down!

There is no Z!
(repeat four times!)

Step together step and push to the right!

Step together step and push to the left!

Jump and clap on each word, “has.”

Wiggle your hands down as shown, saying, “There is no Z!”
**In**
(Sounds like “Michael Finnegan”)

I, then N.  Can you spell “in” again?

Sit down on the floor, cross legged. Then, pat your knees twice in time to the music, and then the floor twice in time to the music.

Optional: Pat your own legs twice, and then your neighbor’s legs twice, so that each of your hands cross over to pat each other’s legs.

Pat Your Knees
Then Pat the Floor!

I, then N.  Can you spell “in” again?

Sit down on the floor, cross legged. Then, pat your knees twice in time to the music, and then the floor twice in time to the music.

Pat Your Knees
Then Pat the Floor!

Take it out and put it in. Begin again!
It
(Sounds like “There’s a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea”)

Do the motions for Zoo-Phonics’ Inny Inchworm as shown for the letter I, and Timothy Tiger for the letter T, or make up your own.

“It” is spelled with an I and then a T!

Do the motions for Zoo-Phonics’ Inny Inchworm as shown for the letter I, and Timothy Tiger for the letter T, or make up your own.

“It” is spelled with an I and then a T!

Pretend to smack a flea somewhere on your body, each time you say, “flea!”

Smack a Flea! Smack a Flea!

It’s a flea! It’s a flea!

Do the motions for Zoo-Phonics’ Inny Inchworm as shown for the letter I, and Timothy Tiger for the letter T, or make up your own.

“It” is spelled with an I and then a T!
No/Yes
(Sounds like "Reveille"; First Verse)

Shake your finger as if to say, "no," switching hands with each new sentence.

Shake finger on right hand, then left!

N-O, no, no, no!  N-O, no, no, no!

Shake your finger as if to say, "no," switching hands with each new sentence.

Shake finger on right hand, then left!

N-O, no, no, no, no, no, no!

Shake your finger as if to say, "no," switching hands with each new sentence.

Shake finger on right hand, then left!

N-O, no, no, no, no, no, no, no!

Shake your finger as if to say, "no," switching hands with each new sentence.

Shake finger on right hand, then left!

N-O, no, no, no, no, no, no!

Shake your finger as if to say, "no," switching hands with each new sentence.

Shake finger on right hand, then left!

N-O, no, no, no, no, no, no!
No/Yes
(Sounds like “Reveille”; Second Verse)

Flap your hands up and down in time to the music, nodding your head yes, as you go.

Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes!

Swim once for each letter.

First Y, then E, then S!

Flap your hands up and down in time to the music, nodding your head yes, as you go.

Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes!

Swim once for each letter. Then, on the last word, pull your hand down quickly and say, “Yes!”

First a Y, then an E, then an S. Yes!
Not
(Sounds like “I’m a Nut”)

“Not” is written, N-O-T!

I am not a nut, you see!

Twirl your fingers around your ear as if to say, "crazy!"

I am not a nut, you see!

Twirl your fingers around your ear as before, but switch directions.

“Not” is written, N-O-T!

Shake your finger as if to say, “no.”

Clap your hands on each of the off beats (the rests) after the letters, “N-O-T.”

N-O-T! N-O-T! N-O-T, N-O-T, N-O-T!
Small
(Sounds like “I’m In the Lord’s Army”)

I am very small, S-M-A-L-L,

Get Smaller!


I am very small, S-M-A-L-L-L, but I can out run you!

Run in place, and then give a salute.

I can out run you, yes sir! I can out run you, yes sir!

Point to yourself, and then show two little fingers that are very small. Then run in place.

I am very small, S-M-A-L-L-L, but I can out run you!
This
(Sounds like “Three Jolly Fishermen”)

Dance “PeeWee Herman Style,” bouncing your fists in front of your hips twice and then in back of your fists twice.

Oh, “this” is spelled T-H-I-S!

Continue as before.

Point to somebody on each word, “This.”

This dog made a stinky mess!

Dance again as before.

Oh, “this” is spelled T-H-I-S!
Too
(Sounds like “Deep and Wide”)

On the letter T, do the motion for Zoo-Phonics’ Timothy Tiger, or make up your own. For each letter O, make an O with your hand. Then shake your finger.

T-O-O! T-O-O! There are way too many 2’s you know! To, to, to, to, to, to!

Keep shaking your finger as before. Then do the twist on the “to, to, to, to’s!”

Shake Finger From Right to Left! Do the twist!

T-O-O! T-O-O!

On the letter T, do the motion for Zoo-Phonics’ Timothy Tiger, or make up your own. For each letter O, make an O with your hand.

Shake Finger From Right to Left! Give me a present!

That means “too much” and it means “also!”

Shake your finger. Then pretend to give somebody something (as if they can have that thing “also.”)
Up
(Sounds like “B-rrrump Went the Little Green Frog”)

Rub your eyes and open them up on the words, “Wake up.” Then jump up high on the words, “up.”

Open Your Eyes!

Wake up! Now you gotta get up, up, up!

Lift your shoulders up, first right and then left as you spell the word. Then, jump up on the word, “up.”

Lift Your Shoulders Right Then Left!

U-P, now you gotta get up!

Lift your shoulders up, first right and then left as you spell the word. Then, jump up on the word, “up.”

Lift Your Shoulders Right Then Left!

U-P, now you gotta get up, up, up!

Do the motion for Zoo-Phonics’ Umber Umbrella Bird for the letter U, or make up your own motion. For the letter P, do the motion for Zoo-Phonics’ PeeWee Penguin, or make up your own motion.

Walk like a penguin!

First a U and then a P!
We
(Sounds like “One Bottle of Pop”)

Do the motions as shown, putting hands left, right, down, then up.

We, W-E! We, W-E! We, W-E! We, W-E!

Do the motions as shown, putting hands left, right, down, then up.

We, W-E! We, W-E! We, W-E! We, W-E!

Swing your arms right and left and pat the air twice in time to the music.

Swing Your Arms and Pat the Air!

We, W-E! We, W-E! We, W-E! We, W-E!

Continue as before, and then shake your finger on “Then we can play!”

We like to do our homework, our homework,

Swing Your Arms and Pat the Air!

We like to do our homework! Then we can play!
What
(Sounds like “What Did Delaware?”)

What you gonna do?

Do the motions as shown. The shoulders fall on the last beat of the measure after the word, “do.”

Roll Hands And Step Together

Step to the Left!

Whatcha gonna do?

W-H-A-T! What you gonna do?

Shake your finger side to side on "No matter what."
Shake your finger forward on "Don't you make a U!"

Roll Hands And Step Together

Step to the Right!

Whatcha gonna do?

W-H-A-T! What you gonna do?

No matter what, no matter what- don't you make a U!
Who
(By Heidi Butkus)

Swing your arms left and right as you spell the word. Then punch on each word, "Who!"

**W-H-O! Who!** Who, who, who, who!

Punch Left, Then Right!

Swing Your Arms
Left and Right!

Swing your arms left and right as you spell the word. Then punch on each word, "Who!"

**W-H-O! Who!** Who, who, who, who!

Punch Left, Then Right!

Swing Your Arms
Left and Right!

Swing your arms left and right as you spell the word. Then punch on each word, "Who!"

**W-H-O! Who!** Who, who, who, who!

Punch Left, Then Right!

Swing Your Arms
Left and Right!

Swing your arms left and right as you spell the word. Then punch on each word, "Who!"

**W-H-O! Who!** Who, who, who, who!
Capitals
(By Heidi Butkus)

A capital letter, that's what I need!
Like a capital A, or a capital B!
A great, big, letter, that's what I need!
Whenever I start to write! Cha, cha, cha!

Dance and sway back and forth in time to the music.

Do the motion for Zoo-Phonics' Allie Alligator for the letter A and Bubba Bear for the letter B, or make up your own.

A great big letter that's what I need!
Pretend to write on your hand. Then swing your hips back and forth as you go, "Cha cha cha!"
I need a space! (Clap, clap!)

I need a space! (Clap, clap!)

I need a space between my words,

I need a space! (Clap, clap!)

Dance and sway to the music anyway you want.