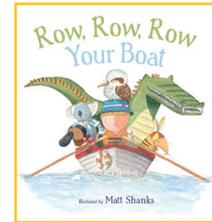


### ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT by Matt Shanks

Matt Shanks has beautifully illustrated *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*, with delightful Australian animals. Come aboard and join in the fun as you and your child row gently down the stream. As the story unfolds, one by one, a koala, a bandicoot, a platypus and kookaburra all try to squeeze into the very tiny boat... but will they all fit? This is a fun and silly story that is joy to read or sing aloud with your child.



### Activity Title: Rock, Rock, Rock Your Boat!

#### You will need:

- You and your baby.

#### What to do:

1. Turn off distractions such as the television or radio
2. Find a comfortable spot to sit with your baby, if possible sit facing your baby so they can watch your face while you sing
3. Sing along to *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*. Add gentle rowing actions while singing to really bring this nursery rhyme to life
4. Sing and repeat! Sing songs over and over to help your baby become familiar with the tune of the song and the actions – it won't be long before they are joining in.

#### Tips for singing with your baby:

- You are your baby's favourite play thing, they love hearing your voice and watching your face as you sing or chat with them
- Sing often and have fun – remember it is okay to be silly!
- Many nursery rhymes will have gentle actions that go with them. Have fun and as your baby grows they will enjoy clapping along, moving their body and joining in with actions
- Sing anywhere! In the car, during bath time, play time or when you are out and about
- Make up new songs to the tune of your child's favourite songs or rhymes.

#### Songs

*Open shut them, The Wheels on the Bus, and Row, Row, Row Your Boat.*

#### Key message

Children are born ready to learn.



**Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.**

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## Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream.  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream.

Row, row, row your boat,  
Underneath the sea,  
Ha, ha, fooled you,  
I'm a submarine.

Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream.  
If you see a crocodile,  
Don't forget to scream – AAAGGH!

Rock, rock, rock your boat,  
Gently to and fro.  
Wibbledy, wobbledy,  
wibbledy, wobbledy,  
Into the water you go...  
SPLASH!

