

Welcome to the Jungle

In the jungle, the mighty jungle
You'll see monkeys and tigers too
In the jungle, the mighty jungle
You'll hear singers as they sing for you
And they sing...
Jungle, welcome to the jungle
Jungle, welcome to the jungle

In the jungle, the mighty jungle
You'll see insects and spiders too
In the jungle, the mighty jungle
You'll hear drummers as they play for you
Let's copy them...
Ooo-Ga, Ooo-Ga-Ga-Cha
Ooo-Ga-Cha, Ooo-Ga-Cha, Ooo-Ga-Cha-Cha

Yeah. You did a good job of playing along.
Let's see if you can copy these next rhythms.
Either play with your drum sticks or clap your hands.
Ooo-Ga-Ga-Cha, Ooo-Ga-Ga-Cha
Ooo-Ga-Ga-Cha, Ooo-Ga-Ga-Cha

That's really good but these next two are even harder.
Ooo-Ga-Cha-Cha, Ooo-Ga-Cha-Cha-Cha
Ooo-Ga-Ooo-Ga-Cha, Ooo-Ga-Cha-Cha

Great job. Now let's see if you're up for this next challenge.
Follow me as we move through the jungle.
We will crawl through the bushes
We will swim through the river
We will swing through the trees
We will crawl through the bushes
We will swim through the river
We will swing through the trees

In the jungle, the mighty jungle
You'll see snakes and gorillas too
In the jungle, the mighty jungle
Big mosquitos will buzz for you
Yeah they buzz for you and you and you and you
Say SHOO!
Welcome to the jungle

Suggested Movements:

Stephen encourages the children to learn the entire song and sing it with him during the show. He especially would love to hear them participate during the rhythm section by copying both the rhythms with their hands as well as the chants with their voices. Once you and your class have learned the chants, try substituting a different long and short vowel sound for each pattern. Ex: instead of saying "Ooo-Ga, Ooo-Ga-Ga-Cha", use the long vowel sound for A and say, "A-A, A-A-A-A". Here's what you should do as you move through the jungle. "We will crawl through the bushes." - Get low and take two, slow steps on the beat (on the words "crawl" and "bushes") using your hands to part the bushes in front of you. "We will swim through the river." - Use any stroke you want but don't go too slow because the piranha are lurking nearby. "We will swing through the trees." - Hands above your head like you're gripping a vine moving your body and arms side to side. Be sure to give your best Tarzan yell! You can also make up some fun movements for each of the animals mentioned. Here's some suggestions: For the monkey, jump around with your hands scratching the sides of your torso. For the tigers, put your hands on either side of your face and snarl. For the insects and spiders, make your fingers crawl up your arm or down your body. For the snakes wiggle your arms or whole body. For the gorillas, jump up and down beating on your chest. Most importantly, be sure and shoo away the big mosquitos with your hands. You can even spray Mosquito Repellant if you happen to have a can handy in your jungle backpack. At the end, repeat all of Stephen's, "Welcome to the Jungle" lines. Especially if you come to the show.