

HERE COMES BARNABY EASTER BILBY

A popular Easter song for young children is 'Here comes Peter Cottontail'. The lyrics were written by Walter 'Jack' Rollins and the music by Steve Nelson. The song was first performed by Gene Autry, actor, singer and cowboy, in the 1950s on his television show, 'Melody Ranch'.

1. Write an Australian version of 'Here comes Peter Cottontail' by completing the missing words in the lyrics. Try to include lots of Aussie words and don't forget to rhyme!

Verse one

Here comes Barnaby Easter Bilby
Hoppin' down the _____,
Hippity hoppin', Easter's on its way
Bringin' ev'ry _____ and _____
A _____ful of Easter joy
Things to make your Easter _____ and _____.
He's got _____ for _____
_____ for _____
There's an _____ for your _____
And an Easter _____ too.

*Here comes
Barnaby
Easter Bilby*

Chorus

Oh! Here' comes Barnaby Easter Bilby
Hoppin' down the _____,
Hippity hoppity Happy Easter Day

Verse two

Look at him _____ and listen to him _____,
'Try to do the things you should'
Maybe if you're _____
He'll _____ your way
You'll wake up on Easter morning
And you'll know that he _____
When you find those _____
That he's hiding _____.



Repeat chorus

2. Practise and perform your Aussie song for a younger class. You may ask some classmates to assist you.

HIP, HOP (WHAT ELSE!), RAP

1. Write actions to accompany each line of this traditional Easter song for young children to make it into a rap. Repeated lines may have the same actions.

Hot cross buns! _____

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One a penny, two a penny, _____

Hot cross buns! _____

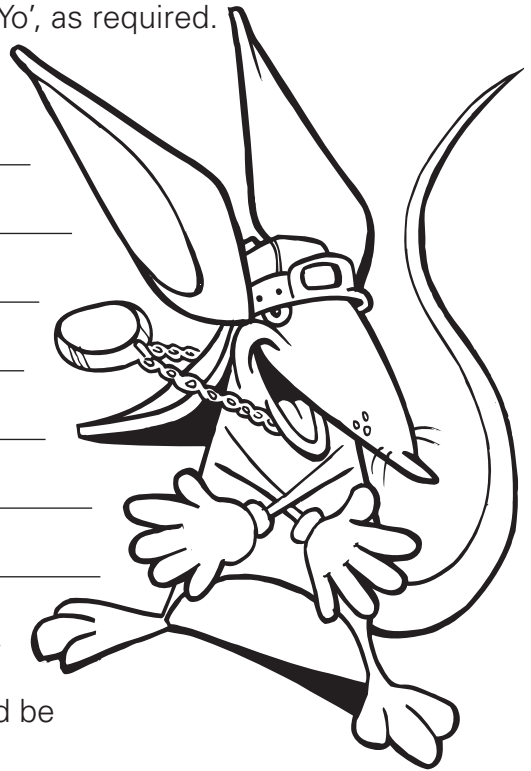
If you have no daughters _____

Give them to your sons _____

One a penny, two a penny, _____

Hot cross buns. _____

2. Rewrite the rhyme replacing any non-Australian words with more appropriate ones; for example, 'penny'. Also add any extra words, such as 'Yo', as required.



3. Write descriptions of sound effects below which could be added to match the lines of the traditional rhyme.

Lines 1,2, 4 and 8 _____

Lines 3 and 7 _____

Line 5 _____

Line 6 _____

4. Form small groups to practise and present your rhyme to the class. Select one or two people to create the accompanying sound effects while the others say the rap and perform the actions. Repeat with other raps.

THE BILBY HOP

The Bunny Hop was a fun party dance created at a high school in the United States in 1952. It was often used to help people to get together or relax at a dance or social function.

The dance is similar to a conga dance, where people line up behind each other and hold the hips, waist or shoulders of the person in front of them. The steps in order are:

- two taps on the floor with the right foot
- two taps on the floor with the left foot
- hop forward
- hop backward
- three hops forward.

This sequence is then repeated.



1. Write a sequence of steps for a 'Bilby Hop'. Consider some of the mannerisms or actions of a bilby to include in the dance.

2. Select another popular repetitive action dance such as 'The Chicken Dance' (or Birdie Dance), the Hokey Pokey, 'Ag-a-doo-doo-doo' or the 'Macarena.' Create and write the actions below.

3. Practise your dances with the appropriate music and write the title of your most successful one.
