

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the 4-year-old student will be able to understand and replicate different clapping patterns.

## Materials and Prep

- No materials required
- No prior knowledge needed

## Activities

- Activity 1: Clap with Me

Start by clapping a simple pattern, such as "clap, clap, clap, pause." Encourage the student to listen and clap along with you. Gradually introduce more complex patterns, such as "clap, pause, clap, clap" or "clap, clap, pause, pause, clap." Have fun exploring different variations and speeds.

- Activity 2: Clap and Move

Incorporate movement into the clapping patterns. For example, clap your hands while hopping, spinning, or marching. Encourage the student to mimic your movements while maintaining the clapping pattern. This activity helps develop coordination and rhythm.

- Activity 3: Clap and Sing

Combine clapping patterns with simple songs or rhymes. Choose a familiar nursery rhyme or create your own simple tune. Clap the rhythm of the song while singing or reciting the words. This activity helps the student understand the relationship between clapping and music.

## Talking Points

- "Clapping is a fun way to make sounds with our hands."
- "We can make different clapping patterns by changing the speed, rhythm, and pauses."
- "When we clap together, it sounds like a rhythm or beat."
- "Clapping can be combined with other actions like hopping or spinning to make it even more fun."
- "We can also clap along with songs or rhymes to create music."