

Simple finger and counting rhymes

Finger rhymes

Open shut them



Open shut them, open shut them

give a little clap



Open shut them, open shut them

Lay them in your lap



Creep them, creep them

Creep them, creep them

Right up to your chin.



Open wide your little mouth, (pause)
but do not let them in.



One finger one thumb

One finger one thumb keep moving

One finger one thumb keep moving

One finger one thumb keep moving

We'll all be merry and bright.



Continue the song and add a moving finger/thumb each time you sing a new verse,
e.g. Two fingers, one thumb keep moving . . .

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Eight fingers, two thumbs keep moving . . .

Variation: add other body parts, e.g. One head, one leg, one arm keep moving . . .

Counting rhymes

1, 2, 3, 4, 5



1, 2, 3, 4, 5 once I caught a fish alive
6, 7, 8, 9, 10 then I let it go again.
Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right.



Five little ducks

Five little ducks went out one day,



Over the hills and far away.



Mother Duck said, 'Quack, Quack, come back'



But only four little ducks came back.



Continue the song, taking one duck (finger) away each time.

Four little ducks went out one day ...

Three little ducks went out one day ...

Two little ducks went out one day ...

One little duck went out one day.

Over the hills and far away.

Mother Duck said, 'Quack, Quack, come back'

But none of the five little ducks came back.

So Mother Duck went out one day,

Over the hills and far away.

Mother Duck said, 'Quack, Quack, come back'

And all of the five little ducks came back.