

**controlling pitch**  
**understanding musical phrase**  
**ways into part singing**

keystage 1  
singing skills  
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**Donkeys like to munch on carrots**  
**CD track 15 & 16**

trad

Don - keys love to munch on car - rots. Car - rots don't like that at all.

Hee - haw! Hee - haw! Lis - ten to the don - key's call.

**How it works**

This is a song which can be sung as a round. It is based on the first five notes, but has a big octave (8 note) jump in the third phrase. It also uses note 6 at one point – can the children spot this?

- ♪ Learn the song really well before attempting to sing it in parts.
- ♪ Using tuned percussion instruments playing “Hee Haw, Hee Haw” (top C-bottom C) throughout, will help keep the whole piece together.
- ♪ Have one group repeating the phrase “Donkeys like to munch on carrots” throughout as everyone else sings the whole song.
- ♪ Gradually add in extra repeating parts and build up to the children being able to sing the whole song through as a round (the second group comes in after the first group has sung “Donkeys like to munch on carrots”).
- ♪ Encourage the children to listen to how the parts all fit together, hearing their part in relation to all the other parts. Tricky.