



FELICES FIESTAS – HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Focus word: un duende - an elf (oon dwehn-deh)



Perfect
for
parachute!

This session's song

5 Little Elves ~ Cinco Duendes

- ① Five little elves on Santa's sleigh,
Cinco deundes en el trineo,
With a HO HO HO,
Con un JO JO JO,
One fell out, uno se cayó,
- ② - ⑤ Repeat verse x 4 for 4, 3, 2, 1
elves
- ⑥ No little elves, ni un duende,
Santa's very sad, Papá Noel está
triste,
They all climb up again, todos
suben otra vez,
The five little elves, los cinco
duendes,
- END HERE Santa and his elves are on
the sleigh,
En el trineo, Papá Noel y sus
duendes,
Off they fly, se van volando,
Felices fiestas,
Happy Holidays one and all

sitting

START
HERE

Suggested actions and movement

- ① Start with 5
fingers showing
on one hand and
putting one finger
down to show the
'fallen elf'.
- ② ③ ④ ⑤ Repeat action
from 4 fingers
to zero to
show no elves.
- ⑥ Make a sad
face like Santa
and then bring
all five fingers
back up again.
- END HERE Move hand
from side to
side in final
verse to show a
happy Santa and
his elves.

Suggested adaptations

0-1yr

Either cradle, or gently bounce on knee along to the song with emphasised movement when each elf falls off. Fly them up in the sky for the final voice to enjoy a sleigh ride with Santa and his elves!

Preschool Group

Make an area for the 'sleigh' then choose 5 'elves' and a Santa out of the group. Enjoy performing the song with one 'elf' falling out at a time. Alternatively, use a parachute and 5 'elf' teddies to bounce off the sleigh one by one then put them all back in the final verse!

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Why not try...

Elf on the Shelf

El duende en el estante

All you need is an elf and some creativity for this one. Each day, place the elf in different locations and situations around the home or setting.

Use the question 'Where is the elf today? ~ ¿Donde está el duende hoy?'

If you want to boost the Spanish and don't speak it yourself, why not look up the location translation online together! Start with the word 'está ~ it/he/she is' and follow with the location.

For example: He is in the bathroom ~ Está en el baño.

EYFS Curriculum links

Areas of Learning

Communication & Language

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Physical Development

Numeracy

Expressive Arts and Design

Resources required:
Parachute (optional)
Elf teddies (optional)

Observation Opportunities



Copy gestures and words in song, one falls off, Santa is sad, Happy Holidays.

Show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions

Use small muscle movements in hands to perform actions and count down numbers

Take part in finger rhymes with numbers

Make rhythmical and repetitive sounds and listen with increased attention.

