

Piggy on the railway

A traditional rhyme

Words

Piggy on the railway picking up stones

Along came an engine and broke piggy's bones.

'Oh' said piggy, 'That's not fair.'

'Oh' said the driver, 'I don't care.'

Signs

Piggy Fist moves in small circles near nose tip.	Railway Fisted hand makes circular movements in front of body.
Pick up Thumb & index finger close together while hand makes short backward movement.	Stone L index finger pointing towards right. R hand in claw shape twists near finger tip.
Come R index beckons.	Engine Both hands, thumb extended upwards & index bent forwards, make alternating circles forward.
Break Two fists touching with palms facing down, twist downwards & move apart.	Bone Thumb extended & index bent out, moves from wrist up forearm.
Surprise (Oh!) Both open hands, palms facing you, move from chest outwards, plus mouth opens.	Not Two flat hands, palms downwards, start crossed, then move outwards to sides.
Fair Two hands, palms facing downwards, make small arc while moving apart.	Driver Both hands mime steering movement.
I R index touches chest.	Don't care R flat hand brushes back of L flat hand in forwards direction x2, plus head shake.

Ideas for use in school

A *Sam button conductor could give a rhythmic 'count in' to get everyone started.

You can include clapping or other movements to get one group in rhythm while you do the signs.

You can substitute an imaginary animal for 'Piggy'.

*Sam (song/speech/sound and music) button – this is what I call the voice output communication devices like Step by Step, BigMac, 4Talk4 etc.