



# Old MacDonald

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Children develop comprehension as they learn a new song with cumulative verses.

Children will sing a song about common barnyard animals and learn the sounds that these animals make.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

A copy of Loren Long's *Otis | Barnyard* song chart (printable on the following page or copy onto a poster) | Printed images or puppets of the animals in the song: Duck, sheep, cow, horse

## WHAT YOU'LL DO

Print the song lyrics or copy them onto a poster. Practice singing the song.

Remind children that Otis and the calf live in a barn on a farm. Show children the illustration of the barn and remind children that cows, horses, ducks, and chickens lived on Otis's farm.

## HOW IT'S DONE

1 Gather the necessary materials and set up space for the group to gather in a circle to sing. Organize the printed images of animals in the song so they are ready to be displayed with each verse.

2 Use the song chart to teach children the Old MacDonald song.

3 As you sing each verse, hold up each animal to remind children of the order of the animals. This will also help children learn the names of the animals as they connect the word to an image.

4 Conclude this activity by thanking children for singing this song together.

# [ Old MacDonald ]

*Make sure that you set the pace of the song very slowly so that children can keep up and hear each of the lines as the song repeats.*

Verse 1: Old MacDonald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.  
And on his farm he had a duck  
E - I - E - I - O.  
With a quack-quack here  
And a quack-quack there,  
Here a quack, there a quack, everywhere a quack-quack!  
Old MacDonald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.



Verse 2: Old MacDonald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.  
And on his farm he had a sheep  
E - I - E - I - O.  
With a baa-baa here  
And a baa-baa there,  
Here a baa, there a baa, everywhere a baa-baa!  
Old MacDonald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.



Verse 3: Old MacDonald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.  
And on his farm he had a cow  
E - I - E - I - O.  
With a moo-moo here  
And a moo-moo there,  
Here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo-moo!  
Old MacDonald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.



Verse 4: Old MacDonald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.  
And on his farm he had a horse  
E - I - E - I - O.  
With a neigh-neigh here  
And a neigh-neigh there,  
Here a neigh, there a neigh, everywhere a neigh-neigh!  
Old MacDonald had a farm. E - I - E - I - O.

