

## Call-and-Response Cards

“In the classroom, call and response is typically used by a teacher as a cue for students to stop what they’re doing and pay attention. The teaching strategy is typically verbal, but you can add in hand or body movements too.”

(<https://www.teachstarter.com/us/blog/call-and-response-classroom-ideas/>)

We’ve compiled a set of 12 different call-and-response chants for your to try with preschoolers (works best with ages 3+).

Print out the next two pages, cut apart, laminate and then bind together with a binder ring or ribbon so you can easily flip through them for new ideas.

Remember, students will need to be taught how to do these chants! Focus on one chant at a time and make it fun and playful as you’re teaching. Call them out at various times of the day so students get used to hearing them and repeating their part. Once students have mastered the “response”, begin utilizing them as a playful, fun, and very effective classroom management tool!

## Call-and-Response Cards

Teacher: "Hands on top!"

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Students: "That means stop!" (while placing hands on their heads)



Teacher: "Ready to listen?"

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Students: "Yes, we are!" (cupping hands behind ears)



Teacher: "1, 2, 3, eyes on me!"

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Students: "1, 2, eyes on you!" (pointing to the teacher)



Teacher: "Bap, bada ba-da!"

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Students: "Bap,bap" (clap twice along with the words)



Teacher: "To infinity..."

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Students: "...and beyond!" (raising one arm up like Buzz Lightyear)



Teacher: "Zip it, lock it..."

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Students: "...put it in your pocket!" (pretending to zip lips and put a key in their pocket)



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Teacher: "When I say  
'criss-cross,' you say..."

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Students:  
"Applesauce!" (sitting  
in criss-cross position)



Teacher: "Holy moly!"

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Students: "Guacamole!"  
(pretending to mix a  
bowl of guacamole)



Teacher: "All set?"

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Students: "You bet!"  
(giving a thumbs up)



Teacher: "Macaroni  
and cheese!"

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Students: "Everybody  
freeze!" (freezing in  
place)



Teacher: "Ready to  
rock?"

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Students: "Ready to  
roll!" (making a  
rocking motion)



Teacher: "Chicka  
Chicka..."

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Students: "...Boom  
Boom!" (clapping  
hands together)

