THE POOL ACTION CHANT

Brown dog, brown dog,
   Turn around.

White sheep, white sheep,
   Stamp the ground.

Green duck, green duck,
   Flap your wings.

Pink pig, pink pig,
   Wiggle, wiggle.

Green frog, green frog,
   Hop high.

Striped cat, striped cat,
   Say good-bye.

Let's jump into the pool,
   It's nice and cool.
   Splish, Splash!
   Splish, Splash!
   PLOP!

Adapted from the traditional children’s chant “Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear” and the song “Ten speckled frogs”.

Name: __________________________ Date: ______________
Language: colours (brown, white, green and pink), animals (dog, sheep, duck, pig, frog and cat), actions (turn around, stamp the ground, flap your wings, wiggle, hop high and say goodbye), striped, expressions (let's jump into the pool; it's nice and cool; Splish, Splash)

Materials: chant sheet

Introducing the chant:

1. Tell the children they're going to learn a chant about some of the animals in the story “Down by the Cool of the Pool”.

2. Do the action chant for the children: turn around, stamp the ground, flap your wings (move your arms like wings), wiggle, hop high and say goodbye (wave), let's jump into the pool (jump); Splish, Splash (move your arms like you were in the water).

3. Help the children do the action chant: they can start by just saying the colours, the names of the animals and do the actions.
   
   Note: you can show/hand out copies of the chant if you consider it necessary.

4. Divide the class into 6 groups, each group represents an animal (they can use masks).

Rehearse the action chant with the masks, for choral reading:

- All (except the “dogs”) say the first two lines.
- The “dogs” do the action.
- The same with the other lines.
- All say the last lines and do the actions.