English, year 2 to 5
About 15 minutes

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow in a sleigh. Do you know the words?



Currier, The Road, Winter, 1853.

Name _____ Class _____

1 The song

A word is missing at the end of some lines. **Write** the word from the box on the right line. The word **snow** is already there as an example. Tip: the missing words rhyme.

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we _____
Laughing all the _____.
Bells on bob-tail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and _____
A sleighing song _____.

Chorus
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Words

- way
- tonight
- snow
- sing
- go

2 Find the words

Six words from the song are hiding here. They go across or down. **Circle** the words.

K	S	N	O	W	S	J	L
H	W	F	U	A	L	I	R
O	T	I	L	Y	E	N	I
R	P	K	S	W	I	G	Y
S	M	M	I	W	G	L	M
E	S	O	N	G	H	E	O
M	F	B	E	L	L	S	P

Words

- ☐ SNOW
- ☐ SLEIGH
- ☑ BELLS Example
- ☐ HORSE
- ☐ SONG
- ☐ JINGLE

Found a word? Tick it here.

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Answers

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Print page 1 for the students. Sing or play the song together first, so the students have the words in their ears.

1 The song

Dashing through the **snow**
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we **go**
Laughing all the **way** .
Bells on bob-tail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and **sing**
A sleighing song **tonight** .

Chorus

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

2 Find the words

K	S	N	O	W	S	J	L
H	W	F	U	A	L	I	R
O	T	I	L	Y	E	N	I
R	P	K	S	W	I	G	Y
S	M	M	I	W	G	L	M
E	S	O	N	G	H	E	O
M	F	B	E	L	L	S	P

Talk about it afterwards

The rhymes: snow and go, sleigh and way, ring and sing, bright and tonight. Can the students find more words that rhyme with snow?

Old words: o'er means over, and a sleigh is a sledge pulled by a horse. Bob-tail means a horse with a short tail.

James Lord Pierpont wrote the song in 1857. It was first called The One Horse Open Sleigh and is not really about Christmas, but about a fast sleigh ride in winter.

The picture: count the horses. The song has one horse, but the sleigh in the picture from 1853 has two.

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