



My Top 5 Songs from Super Star Online

Music is a very important component of our Super Star courses. Our songs from Twin Sisters productions and Dr. Jean not only teach important lessons and concepts to students, but they certainly make our courses much more enjoyable. There have been many studies that support the use of music in education, but for me the most important benefit of songs is that they can make educational concepts much easier to remember.

When I think back to my kindergarten and first grade days at school, there is not much that I can remember, but I can remember the ABC's song. The ABC's song is probably the most memorable song of all time. It is almost impossible to repeat the alphabet in order without bursting into song.

Last month, I highlighted my favorite games that are featured in our Super Star courses. This month I want to list my five favorite songs.

You can also sample these songs from our YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/Nrz7M1QoUic> .

Number 5: Five Little Skunks Letters & Numbers - by Twin Sister Productions

Five Little Skunks Song

Five Four Three Two One
...little skunks went out with me
on a picnic one fine day.
We were looking for a shady spot to eat
and a nice little place to play.
But when I saw people running
and I looked around
I was quite surprised to see
there were only
Four Three Two One
...little skunks walking along with me.
One, two, three, four.
One... Two... Three... Oh
One... Two... Oh... Oh...
One... Oh... Oh... Oh...
There were no more little skunks
walking along with me.

The "Five Little Skunks" song is the only math related song to make my list. Five Little Skunks teaches the numbers to 5, counting to 5, addition and subtraction. It is followed by the Five Little Skunks game which did not make my five favorite games, but I love the way that this game shows the relationship between counting and addition.

Number 4: Kiss Your Brain

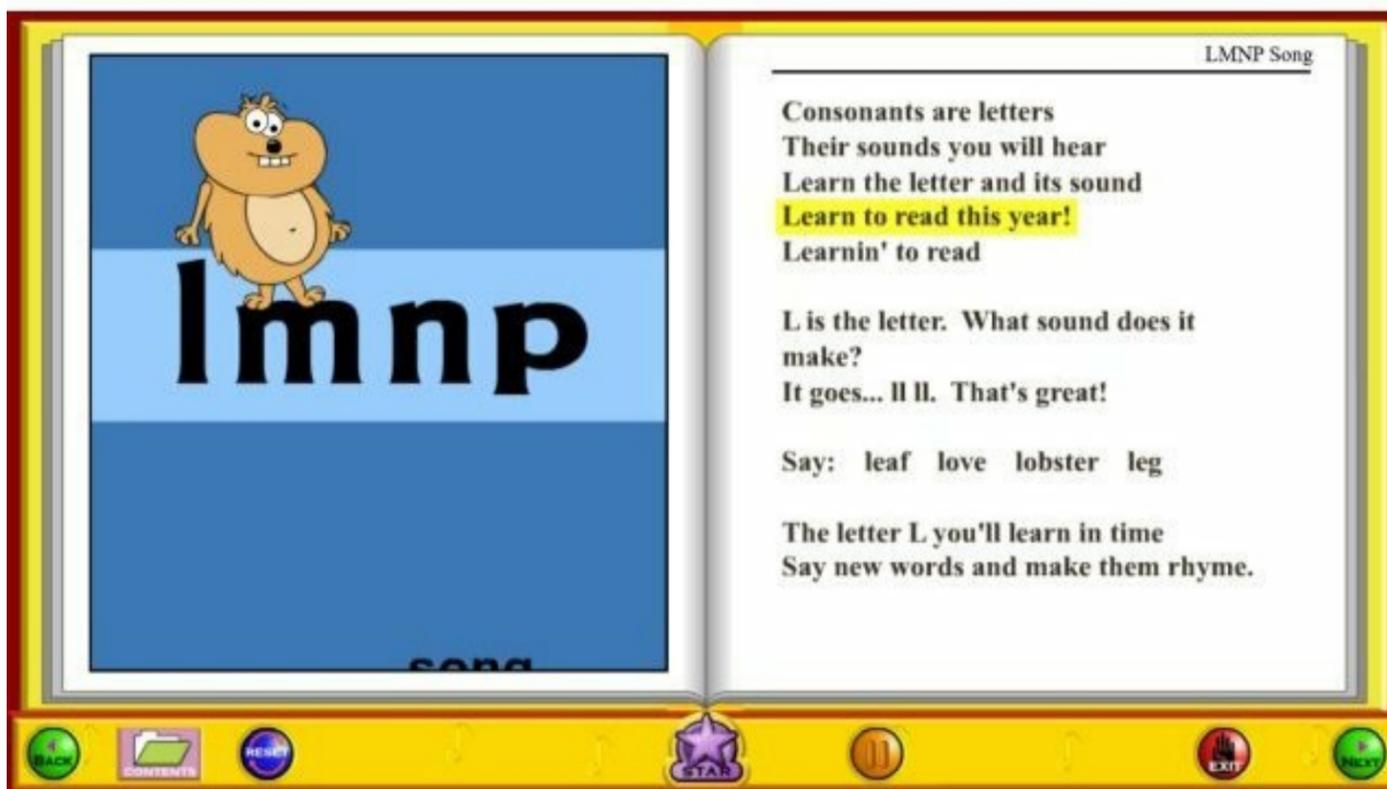
Beginning Reading with Phonics - by Dr. Jean Feldman



Beginning Reading with Phonics is our only title that currently features music from Dr. Jean Feldman. "Kiss Your Brain" is one of her signature songs. I love the way that this song encourages kids to be proud of their achievements and proud of themselves. The songs in Beginning Reading with Phonics feature a different format of displaying the highlighted words, since this is a beginning reading program.

Number 3: Consonants Song

Phonics 1b - Consonant Sounds - by Twin Sister Productions



LMNP Song

Consonants are letters
Their sounds you will hear
Learn the letter and its sound
Learn to read this year!
Learnin' to read

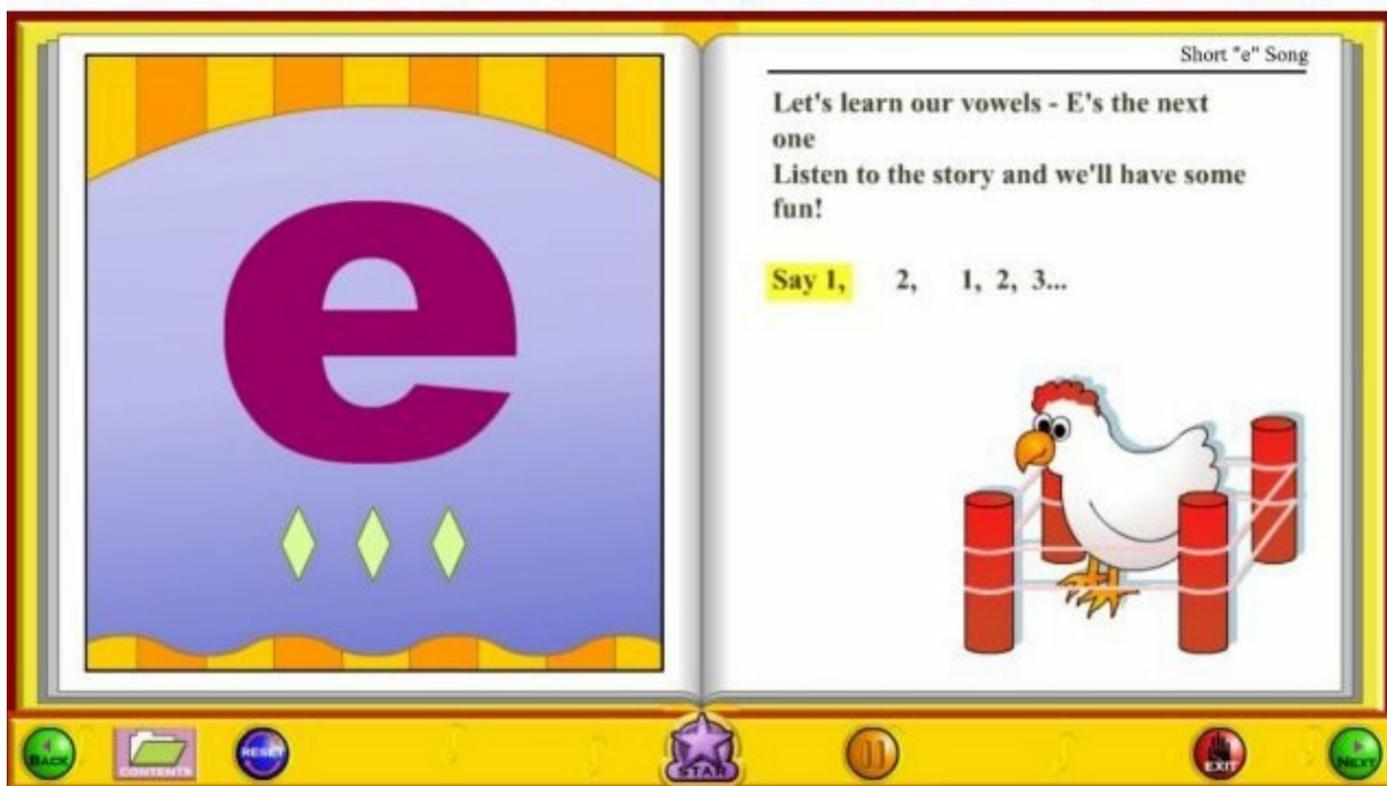
L is the letter. What sound does it make?
It goes... ll ll. That's great!

Say: leaf love lobster leg

The letter L you'll learn in time
Say new words and make them rhyme.

Number 2: Vowel Song

Phonics 1a - Vowel Sounds - by Twin Sister Productions



Short "e" Song

Let's learn our vowels - E's the next one
Listen to the story and we'll have some fun!

Say 1, 2, 1, 2, 3...

I combined number 3 and 2. The Long Vowel song and the Short Vowel song are the songs that really got me started in the educational software field. Originally, these songs were sold on cassette tape with a workbook by Twin Sisters Productions in a product called "Phonics". There were only two songs on the tape: the Vowels Song and the Consonants song. This product was later released on CD and became a RIAA Certified Recipient of Gold Album.

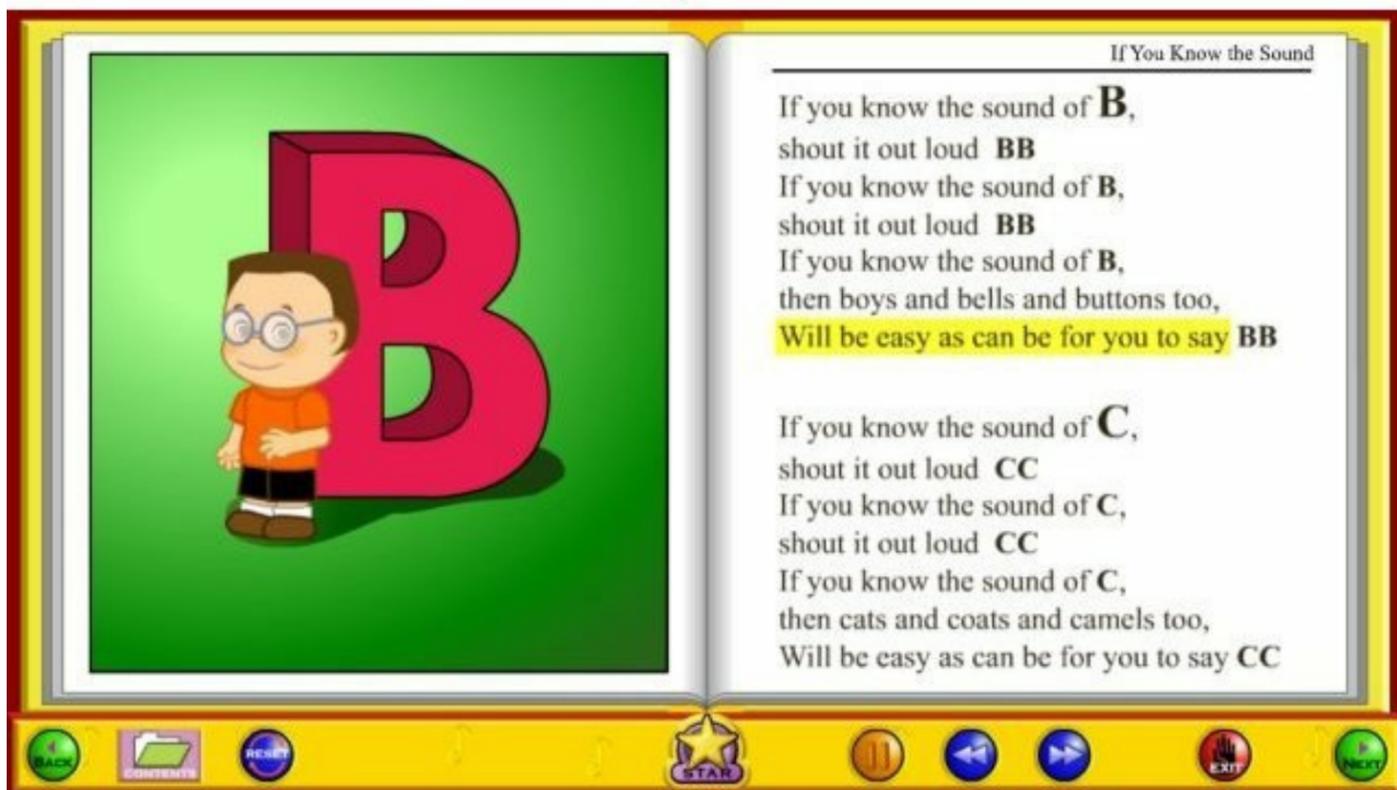
We decided that the songs were too long for our purposes and divided the songs in two segments and made the Vowel song into ten songs in Phonics 1a - Vowel Sounds and made the Consonants song into five songs in Phonics 1b - Consonant Sounds.

If you want to download the album you can do that from <https://twinsisters.com/downloads/phonics>, but if you have a subscription to Super Star Online, you can also play the songs from our Super Star Movies course. From Super Star Movies, you can pick as many songs as you want and play them all. You can play our songs from your computer or almost any device, including an Android or iPad. If you have a projector, you can display

the animations and words on a screen for your sing-a-long. If you don't have access to Super Star Movies, you can try our site at: <https://superstar.hm2l.com/teach/login> , User name: teach, password: star.

Twin Sisters is now producing a YouTube site at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TwinSistersLLC> .

Number 1: If You Know the Sound Of Letters & Numbers - by Twin Sister Productions



My choice for my number 1 favorite song is: "If You Know the Sound Of", found in Letters & Numbers. I believe that this is such a great introduction to phonics. My only regret is that this song only covers the consonants B, C, D, F, and G.

This song follows our standard book format of presenting the highlighted words to the song on the right side of the page while showing a simple animation on the left side of the page. We believe that this is a great way to help kids build reading skills as they follow the words to the song and learn the words in the song.

The "If You Know the Sound Of" song is a great introduction to phonics and covers some of the most important consonant sounds, giving example words with the beginning sound of each letter.

Our songs are a very important component of our "Super Star Motivational and Data Tracking System". Students earn a gold star for listening to a song to the end. This makes it very easy for them to earn gold stars and helps encourage them to earn all the gold stars required to earn a "Gold Star Certificate of Achievement".

Teachers have told us that they love to see the kids listening to the songs with their headphones on while they are singing aloud. So much fun! We also hear that some kids only want to listen to the songs over-and-over, so we added a feature in our Student Management section that lets the teacher block students from repeating an activity or song that they have completed to the gold

star level.

I put together a short video featuring 1 minute from each of my favorite songs. You can find them at: <https://youtu.be/Nrz7M1QoUic> .



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An illustration featuring four children on the left engaged in reading activities: a boy with glasses, a girl with orange hair, and a girl with blonde hair holding a red book, with a stack of colorful books below them. On the right, three children are shown in active play: a boy running, a girl on a red bicycle, and a boy on a skateboard.

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