

Level: A2

Focus:

Grammar - Present Simple
Vocabulary – odd jobs; actions

Activity: Chanting with hand
movements

THE KID YOU NEED

For this activity, you there is a full version of the rap mp3 or a karaoke version with just the backing rhythm. This rap lyric was first published in *Winners 3* (OUP 2005), an Upper Primary course for Poland by Mark Hancock and Cathy Lawday.

PROCEDURE

1. Play the rap. Ask students to listen and note any words they hear.
2. Give out the worksheet. Play the rap again while students listen. Ask them questions to check understanding.
3. Play the rap again and ask students to 'lipsynch' – to move their mouths as if saying the chant (as singers often do when making pop videos).
4. Drill the rap one verse at a time. Use the karaoke version of the mp3. This version has space for three verses, but first of all, ask them to repeat the same verse three times and then play the recording again for the next verse and again for the third verse.
5. Ask students to suggest mime movements to go with the different actions mentioned in the song. It will be impossible to think of mimes for all the lines of course, but find as many as possible.
6. Play the rap again and ask them to follow it doing their hand movements – and singing along too for those who can manage it.
7. Extension: students in pairs or small groups could prepare and rehearse choreographed performances of the rap.

THE KID YOU NEED

- 1 **I'm the kid you need**
- 2 **I write, I read**
- 3 **Do this, do that**
- 4 **Catch rats, feed cats**
- 5 **I do those jobs**
- 6 **I feed fish, I walk dogs**

- 7 **Look at me, I'm tall**
- 8 **I can paint your wall**
- 9 **Paint doors, paint drawers**
- 10 **Clean floors and more**
- 11 **People say I'm crazy**
- 12 **But they never say I'm lazy**

- 13 **I'm the kid you need**
- 14 **I clean, I feed**
- 15 **Watch your pets don't fight**
- 16 **Make cakes, work nights**
- 17 **Look here and read:**
- 18 **I'm the kid you need!**