

Taba Naba

Trad song from Torres Strait Islands.

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Ta - ba na - ba na - ba no-rem, Tu-gei pe-nai-sir mi Din-ghy em na-ba-tre .

Mi - ko kei - mi sir - ir na-ba re. Ta - ba na - ba no rem.

Game instructions: students sit in a single circle with their legs crossed.

Pattern 1

- Beat 1 Lean to left and tap left hand on floor in front of left neighbour
- Beat 2 Tap left hand on floor in front of own left knee
- Beat 3 Tap right hand on floor in front of own right knee
- Beat 4 Lean to right and tap right hand on floor in front of right neighbour
- Beats 5 to 8 Repeat in reverse direction

Repeat for rest of song.

Pattern 2

- Beat 1 Place right hand on left shoulder
- Beat 2 Place left hand on right shoulder
- Beats 3 & 4 Clap own hands twice

Repeat for rest of song.

Pattern 3

- Beat 1 Tap both hands on floor in front
- Beat 2 Tap hands on own thighs
- Beat 3 Clap hands together
- Beat 4 Cross hands and tap onto opposite shoulders

Repeat for rest of song.

Pattern 4

- Beat 1 Brush right hand on top of left hand (as if clapping then sliding off forwards)
- Beat 2 Clap right hand onto of left hand
- Beat 3 Left hand to left thigh
- Beat 4 Right hand to right thigh
- Beats 5 to 8 Repeat in reverse direction

Repeat for rest of song.