

# A hedgehog is very prickly <sup>1</sup>

(tune of one finger, one thumb, keep moving)



## Words:

A \*hedgehog is very prickly\* x 3  
(make fingers into shape of prickly hedgehog)  
It couldn't be anything else

Repeat then make up your own words, e.g.

\*A snake likes to slither\* x 3  
(encourage child to lie on their tummy and belly-crawl)

She couldn't do anything else

Repeat then make up more of your own words

This is a great tune to adapt so that it can be a song about anything at all.

I often use this one with the song bag and change the words depending on what is in there. It is also a great idea to include actions and movement so that your child's need to move is met.

## Top Tips:

\*make up your own words. Think of other animals and how they move, or just sing your child's name and sing about what they like to do e.g. 'Jane likes to spin x 3, She couldn't do anything else'.

Try to take your child's ideas and watch how they like to move their bodies. There is something very magical about personalising a song for one child depending on their preferences for movement/role play.

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<sup>1</sup>\*from *Bobby Shaftoe, clap your hands: Musical fun with new songs from old favourites* by Sue Nicholls, A & C Black 1992. Huge thanks to Sue Nicholls for kindly sharing this with the world.