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Singing Lesson Plan Idea

Grade Level: 4/5

Type of Lesson: Singing Game

Title: Sarasponda

Source: <https://singtokids.com/three-singing-games-for-fourth-grade-music/>

Description: This is one of those songs with a dual purpose. I teach the song as a beat-passing game at the start as a review of the macro beat and micro beat. But it also reappears in our record books later in the year. By teaching it as a singing game, my students look at this song fondly, even though it's a bit of a challenge to play on the recorder! I usually teach songs explicitly before teaching the game, but this is one that I sing for the kids. I find with the repetition, they learn the song fairly quickly. Students stand in a circle formation. One student holds a medium-sized ball (ask your PE teacher to borrow one) Students pass the ball around the circle to the beat. It's best to practice this several times and to help students to know what it should (or should not look like) If students pass the ball perfectly to the beat, then the student holding the ball on the final beat is out. If any student passes ahead or behind the beat, then they

are called out and the last person holding the ball is safe. As students are called out, start a practice circle with another ball. Continue to play the game until the last 2 students are standing. To make the game more difficult, try passing to the micro beat (a division of the beat) instead of the macro beat, or try changing directions after several phrases.

Curriculum Connection: Physical Education and Musical Arts.

Literacy Connection: N/A

Music Standards utilized: 5. MU: Cr2