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Celebrating Olivia's birthday – Language awareness

ACTIVITY 1: GUESS THE LANGUAGE

Objectives/ aims of activity (children will be able to):

- distinguish between different languages

Activity steps

- 1) The teacher plays the *Happy birthday* song in a foreign language (that he/she knows the children will probably not understand) and asks which song this is. How do they know?
- 2) The teacher plays the same song in other languages.
What do they think, which language is it? Why do they think that? How does this language sound? Is it round, melodic, sharp, etc.? What does it remind them of? Do they recognise any words?
- 3) The teacher and the children sing the *Happy birthday* song in the teaching language used in the kindergarten.

Resources needed to carry out the activity

- Happy Birthday song in different languages (check:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRYqx4yR6Oc>)

Approximate time indication for activity: 10 - 15 minutes

Links to other activities:

SOUNDS OF DIFFERENT LANGUAGES (Language awareness, Story 3, activity 3)