



one minute wonder words

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adapted from original piece of the same name as part of the community music event of the larkhall festival 1st may 2010 – for st savious infants

aims

use word groupings to reflect larkhall's culture
provide a pulsating backdrop to larkhall festival procession
reflect on how a minute is constructed
act a fun learning game
build teamwork and coordination
be recorded in workshops and played back via the milk-float

requirements

as many as possible children from st savious infants school
enthusiasm and inhibition

guidance

shouting and coordination

get the children to play one minute wonder counting with up to 4 parts
slowly increase complexity and volume
get them to shout their name individually
then lark hall and their name
ask them individually to think of a word that for them reflects larkhall
arrange in a circle or line and get them to shout the word they have thought of
create a number of chants using the words chosen in the manner below

allocating parts

the piece has a maximum of 4 parts
assign a part to groups of children
designate a conductor to start and finish who counts out loud to 60 when everyone stops

rehearsing

start with 2 parts and gradually increase in complexity

numbers and repetitions in each counting part

each part requires shouting and clapping
the parts to be repeated the stated number of times below

part	shout	beats	times repeated
1	/ lark / hall /	2	30
2	/ lark / hall / word/	3	20
3	/ lark / hall / word / word/	4	15
4	/ lark / hall / festi / val / word/	5	12

each invented word or syllable to be shouted on each beat

beat indicated by / /

percussion

found objects from the village to be struck when children say 'lark'

