

Here comes the little centipede

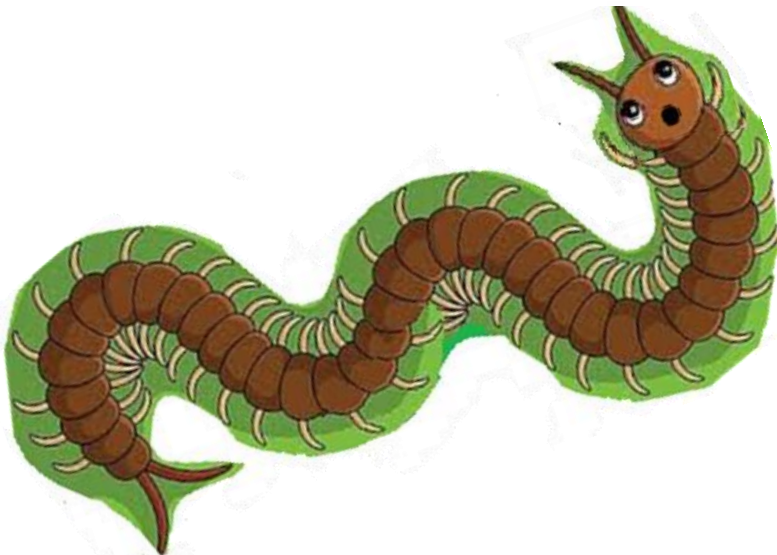
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A 'centipede' is a misnomer as it has legs rather than feet and can have between 30 and 350 of them. It is possible to find one with one hundred legs but as one Wikipedia blogger remarked they're so ticklish, it's very hard to count!

Words by Dany Rosevear, music adapted by a Dutch tune.

Make lines of at least six children; place hands on the shoulder of the child in front. Practice synchronizing the movement of first right and then left feet before setting off. The leader walks the line around the room. Stop and waggle first right then left feet. Walk as before. The head of the line makes three or more jumps in time to the music to join the tail. The new leader then takes the line off once again to continue the game.

The musical score is written on a treble clef staff in D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has a D chord above the first measure, Bm above the second, and A7 above the third. The lyrics are: "Here comes the lit - tle cen - ti - pede, With a hun - dred feet, with a". The second line has a D chord above the first measure and Bm above the second. The lyrics are: "hun - dred feet, Here comes the lit - tle cen - ti - pede, And his". The third line has an A7 chord above the first measure and a D chord above the second. The lyrics are: "head flew a - way to the beat! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!". The "BOOM!" lyrics are aligned with three measures of music, each marked with an 'x' on the staff.



Here comes the little centipede,
With a hundred feet, with a hundred feet,
Here comes the little centipede,
And his head flew away to the beat!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!