

TWO FRIENDS

A children's partner-change dance

Grades: 2+

CD: Track 10, song with words

Track 11, song repeated five times for dance

Formation: All sit in a big circle.

Dance starts with two children, then four, then eight etc., until all are dancing.



Song	Movements
Two friends, they went a' dancing, (3x)	The first two children, holding inside hands, skip around CCW (counterclockwise) inside the circle.
but fell while they were prancing. Fahree, fahree, fi, dah.	Keep skipping around. No falling please, even though the words say "fell."
They argued quite intensely (3x).	Stop and in place, hold onto partner's both hands. Make believe you are arguing. Stretch each arm to straight position. Use a "sawing" motion.
"It's your fault, I can't dance here!" Fahree, fahree, fi, dah.	Let go. Take a step back, away from partner and wave partner away with both hands.
Said one right to the other (3x):	Facing each other, partners place their hands on their own waist and sway sideways.
"I'll find myself another." Fahree, fahree, fi, dah.	Wave partner away. Each dancer now goes to find a new child (a new partner), to start the dance from the beginning.

Tips

Make sure children choose new partners from the seated children first.

Explain the social rule for getting partners: Dance with the first person who invites you. (You may not refuse a partner because refusing can hurt someone's feelings.) Demonstrate how to ask a seated child to be a partner. Walk up and face your prospective partner. Stretch out your hand toward him/her, palm facing up (no need for words). The chosen, seated child stands up and joins inside hands to start the dance by skipping.

"Arguing," in the second verse should be an exaggerated movement, not the real thing. It's fun to make believe, but it is still a dance!

Some children have trouble "finding" a partner. Teacher may help by saying "Oh, look, Mike still needs a partner."