

# Aithníonn ciaróg ciaróg eile

*It Takes One to Know One*

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## Teacher's Notes



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# Ciaróg Ciaróg

In this song, we sing 'aithníonn ciaróg ciaróg eile'. This is a seanfhocal. It means 'it takes one to know one', or 'birds of a feather flock together'. It is all about recognising when people (or animals!) are similar in some way. Literally, the words mean 'a beetle recognises another beetle'.

*Suggested teaching steps*

## Step 1

**Watch the Song Video** to learn the song together with the class. The song starts with a refrain, where we sing the words 'aithníonn ciaróg ciaróg eile' twice. Notice the direction of the melody: the first phrase goes up; the second phrase goes down:



Aith - ní - onn ciar - óg ciar - óg ei - le.

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In the verse, we sing 'ciaróg, ciaróg?', 'ciaróg, ciaróg', and we add body percussion (for example clap, stamp, click, tap). Use the body percussion suggested in the video, or children create their own ideas. Turn to look at each other for the body percussion, and see who is doing the same as who – spot your matching pair!

If you like, perform this song in small groups, each standing in a circle. During the refrain, the group walks around in a circle in time to the music; and during the verse, everyone faces inwards to share their body percussion with their group, and tries to find their matching pair.

## Step 2

**Complete the activity pages**

## Step 3

**Complete the colouring page**

## Step 4

**Perform the song without the video:** use the backing track; or, if you and/or the children play instruments, sing and play the piece together. You'll find the chords and the notes in the music score.







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