



## Song of the Month: October

### October, Octopus and Octagon

Familiar Tune: *Addam's Family*

Task: Matching Sounds

Note: Google "Addam's Family" to hear the tune if you're unfamiliar.

Teacher sings:

Give me an /o/,

Children echo /o/, /o/

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Children echo /o/, /o/

Teacher sings:

"O" makes a lot of sounds,

And starts a lot of words.

Tell me one you've heard,

That starts like October!

Note: /o/ represents the phoneme, or unit of sound, for the letter *O*.

This following dialog is not sung. If children need assistance in providing a word, give children two choices—one that begins with the same sound as *October* and one that's different. Example: Say, "Now listen carefully, I am going to say two words. One begins just like *October* (emphasize beginning sound) and one doesn't."

Say these two words: *Pumpkin, Octopus*. After they've identified the word that has the same beginning sound as *October*, show them these two words printed on index cards.

Sing again, this time say these two words: *Octagon, Fall*. Follow up as outlined above.

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