

Year 2: On this island

Musical style: British folk music

Folk songs are often passed on by generations simply by people singing them. In fact, we don't actually know who wrote most folk songs.



Vocabulary

Inspiration

Something that gives you an idea about what to create.



City



Countryside



Seaside

Our inspiration for our soundscapes is the British Isles.

Motif

A short melody that is repeated over and over again.

Soundscape

A piece of music that describes a landscape.

Instruments

Vocal sounds

Sounds made with your vocal chords, such as talking, singing, humming and shushing.



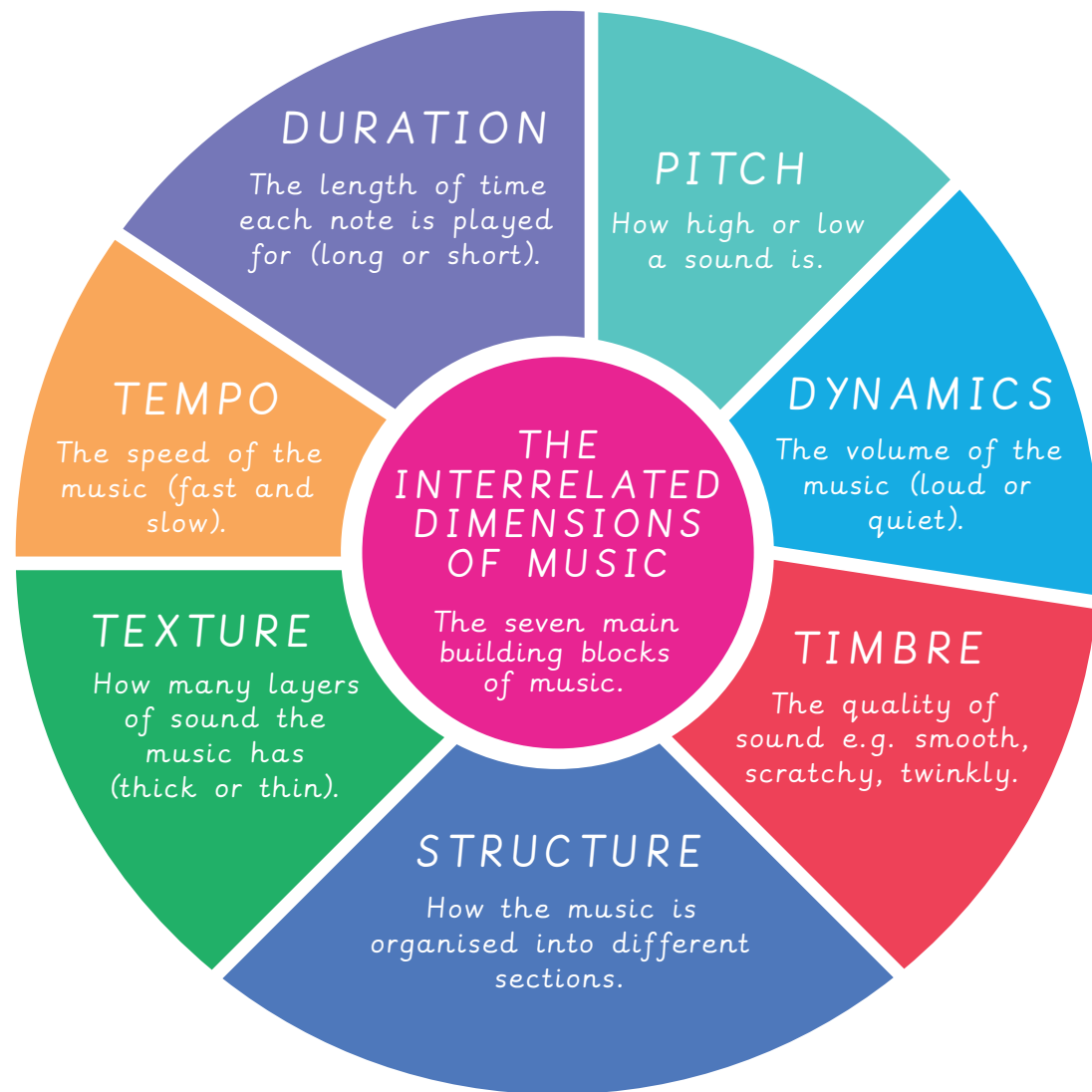
Talking



Singing



Shushing



Body percussion

When you hit, tap, or scrape your body to make a sound, as you would do with a percussion instrument, e.g. slapping your leg, tapping your foot.

Tapping foot



Clapping



Clicking fingers



Year 2: African call and response song

Musical style: Music from Africa

In this unit we learn about a feature of some African music called 'call and response'. This is when the leader sings or plays something and others sing or play something back to the leader.



Structure

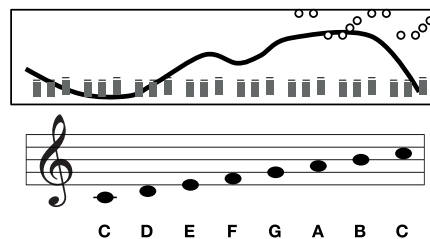
How the music is organised into different sections.

VERSE - A
CHORUS - B

ABABAB

Notation

How the music is written down.



Instruments

Tuned Percussion

Instruments which are played by shaking, tapping or scraping with your hand or a beater.

Tapping foot

Clapping

Clicking fingers

Untuned percussion

Percussion instruments you cannot play a tune on.



Djembe drums

Bongo drums



Belafan with Maracas



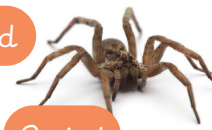
Vocabulary

Dynamics

The volume of the music (loud or quiet).



Loud



Quiet

Tempo

The speed of the music (fast or slow).



Fast



Slow

Timbre

The quality of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly.



Rhythm

A pattern of long and short notes.



Call and response

When the leader sings or plays a part, and others sing or play it back.



Year 2: Dynamics, timbre and tempo

Musical style: Orchestral

Orchestral music is music that is played by an orchestra. It is usually classical or film music, but orchestras lay other types of music too.



Vocabulary

Compose

To create or write an original (new) piece of music.



Composer

A person who creates and writes an original piece of music.

Composition

The original piece of music that has been created.

Dynamics

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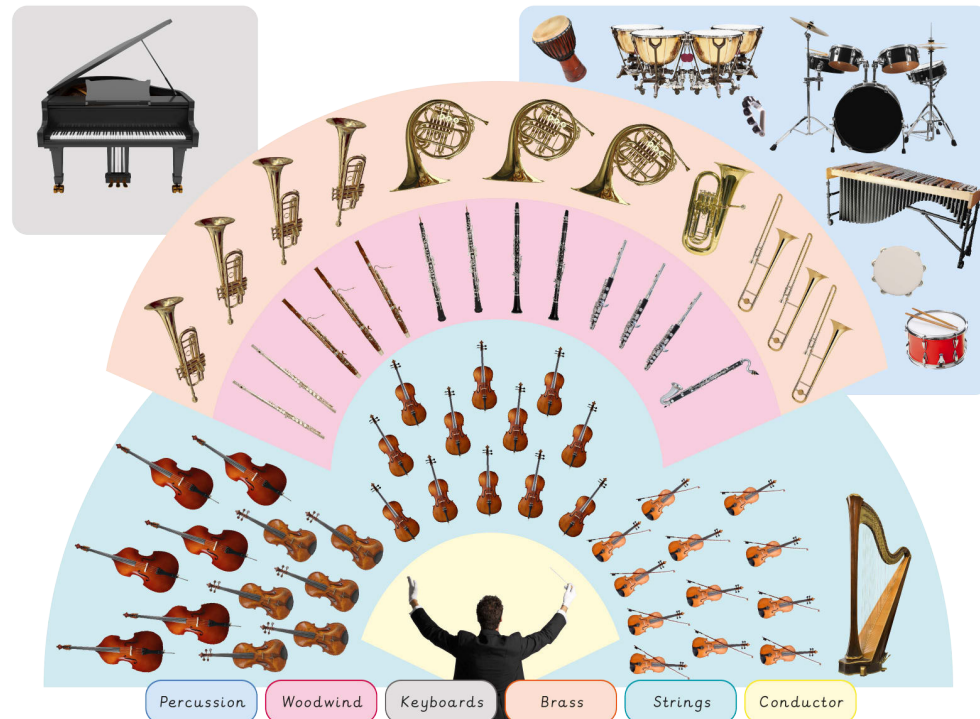
Tempo

The speed of the music (fast or slow).

Instruments

Orchestra

A group of instruments that play together.



Strings

Instruments that are played by plucking or bowing strings.

Woodwind

Instruments that make sound by blowing air through a reed or small mouthpiece.

Brass

Instruments that are made of metal and the sound is made by blowing air through a cup-shaped mouthpiece.

Percussion

Instruments that are played by striking, beating or shaking the instrument.

Year 2: Musical me

Musical style: Folk

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Vocabulary

Composition

An original piece of music that has been created.

Pulse

The heartbeat of the music. Sometimes called the 'beat'.

Melody

Patterns of different pitches (high and low notes).

Timbre

The quality of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly.

Dynamics

The volume of the music (loud or quiet).

Rhythm

Patterns of long and short sounds.

Instruments

Glockenspiel



Chime bars



Compose

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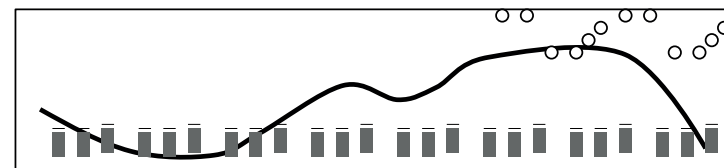
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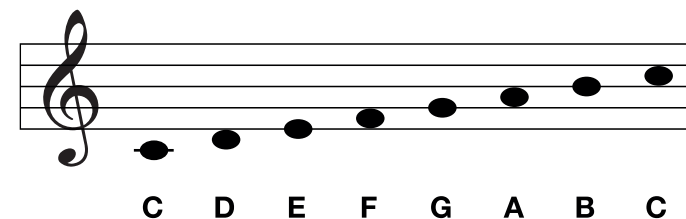
Notation

How the music is written down.

Graphic score



Stave and letter musical notation



Musical notation helps us to 'write' and 'read' the melodies so they won't be forgotten and can be played by others.

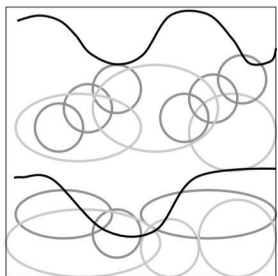
Year 2: Myths and legends

Vocabulary

Rhythm	A pattern of long and short notes.
Layers	The different instruments, rhythms or melodies that build the overall texture.
Melody	An arrangement of notes which sound tuneful.
Dynamics	The volume of the music (loud or quiet).
Timbre	The quality of sound e.g. smooth, scratchy, twinkly.
Pitch	How high or low a sound is.
Verse	A repeated section of a song that usually has different words (lyrics) each time it is repeated.
Chorus	A repeated section of a song that usually has the same words (lyrics) each time it is repeated.
Instrumental	A section of a song which is performed by instruments and has no vocals.

Graphic score

Pictures, symbols, lines or shapes to represent sound.



Structure

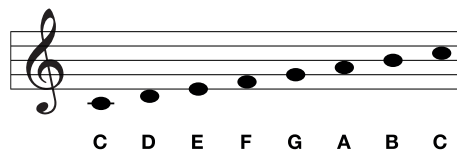
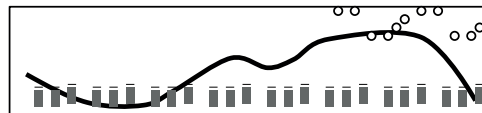
How the music is organised into different sections.

VERSE - A
CHORUS - B
BRIDGE - C

ABABC B

Notation

How the music is written down.



Texture

How many layers of sound the music has (thick or thin).

Thin



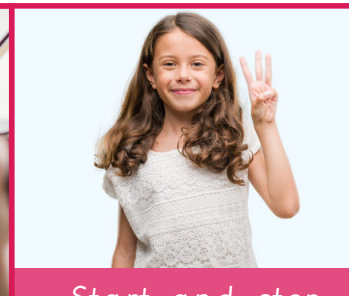
Thick



Tips for performing



Smile and sit smartly



Start and stop playing at same time



Play at the same speed and volume



Keep your hands to yourself



Be silent at the beginning and at the end of performance



Take a bow at the end

Year 2: Orchestral instruments

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Percussion

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Dynamics

The volume of the music (loud or quiet).

Sound effects

A sound created to represent something in a film, television programme or a play.

Tempo

The speed of the music (fast or slow).

Timbre

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Vocals

Using your voice in a piece of music.

Instruments

Orchestra

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