



Introduction To MUSIC

What is music?

Vocal or instrumental sounds (or both) combined in such a way as to produce beauty of form, harmony, and expression of emotion.

(taken from the Oxford Dictionary)

But what does that mean?



Close your eyes

And listen...

What can you hear?

Can you hear the rain?

Can you hear the wind in the trees?

Can you hear the fridge humming?

Can you hear people talking?

Can you hear yourself breathing?



Wherever we are and whatever we are doing, we can always hear something; sound is all around us. Music is made by putting sounds together in a special order that creates something nice and beautiful to listen to. That's what we call music!

What can you hear?

Make a list of all the sounds you can hear in your home.

Spend time in each room with your eyes closed.

When you next go for a walk, make a list of all the sounds you can hear outside in the environment.

What would you hear?

Close your eyes and think of a place that you would like to go:

A farm

A theme park

The moon

Outer space

A magical fairyland

The top of a rainbow

Or somewhere else

What would you hear if you were there?

Try this...

Take in a really deep breath and hum for as long as you can.

Now do the same again, this time pretend that you're a tiny mouse and you make your hum as high as you can.

Do the same again, this time pretending that you are a tall giant and you make your hum as low as you can.

You have just made 3 humming sounds.

Your first sound was a normal hum.

Then you made a high humming sound like a mouse.

Then you made a low humming sound like a giant.

On their own, they are just sounds, but we can put those sounds together to make a song.



Can you hum the tune of
HAPPY BIRTHDAY?

Have a go at humming your favourite
song.



What is your favourite song?

Think of your favourite song and
listen to it if you can

Why is this your favourite song?

What is it you like about it?

Do you like the sounds and instruments you can
hear?

Do you like how it makes you feel?

How does it make you feel?



Music can change our emotions, which is how we feel.

Music can make us feel happy and excited and make us want to dance, or music can make us feel calm and relaxed and make us want to go to sleep.



We can think of music
as a language...

Here are some words...
(Words are also sounds)

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Can you put these words in the correct order to make a sentence?

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Well done!



The sentence reads:

'I have a beautiful dog and her name is Luna.'

So just as you have put these words into their correct order to make a sentence, let's start putting sounds together to make some music!