

Knowledge Organiser - Music - Global Pentatonics Summer 2025 (Lower Key Stage 2)

What I already know

- I know how to sing a song with larger intervals (jumps between notes) and with accurate pitch
- I know how to feel the beat and demonstrate this with actions
- I know how to confidently clap the rhythm of a song
- I know how to begin to develop the skill of singing in harmony by holding a note while another part sings
- I know how to sing smoothly and gently, and accompany myself with a drone

Sticky Knowledge

- I can Compose a pentatonic melody.
 - I can improvise and create pentatonic patterns.
 - I can use notation to represent musical ideas.
- I can compare music extracts and understand that the pentatonic scale features in lots of music traditions and cultures.



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Core Learning

I know how to listen to pentatonic melodies

I know how to improvise pentatonic melodies

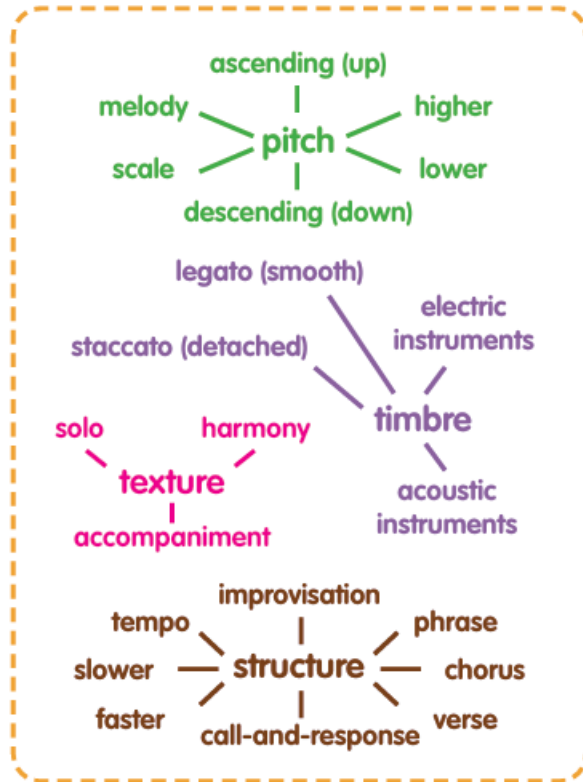
I know how to compose and notate pentatonic melodies

Musical Focus

Pentatonic scale, different music traditional and cultures, graphic/dot notation.



Vocabulary and definitions



Pentatonic scale

A five-note scale
Latin word 'penta' meaning 5
Latin word 'tonus' meaning sound

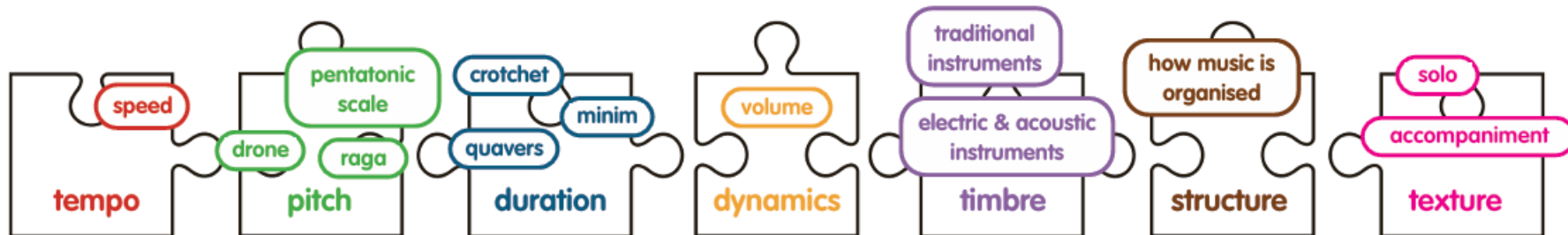
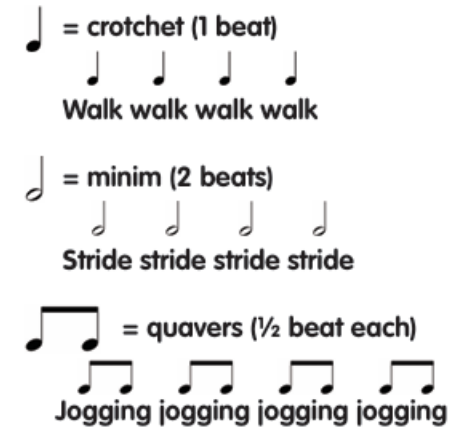


Music from around the world and across many traditions and cultures use a pentatonic scale.



A pentatonic scale starting on the note C

Duration = note lengths





Below are the pieces of music you will listen to. Can you use musical terms to describe them?



Skye boat song

- Folk song from the Isle of Skye, Scotland
- Usually played as a lullaby



Om Namah Shivaya

- Devotional Hindu mantra to Lord Shiva
- Hindustani classical music based on the bhupali raga



Busy weaving

- Solo piece played on a Chinese long-stringed instrument called a guzheng (pronounced 'goo-chung')



Desert blues

- A live performance as part of the Pan African Pentatonic Project
- Two African musicians: Alhousseini Anivolla from Niger and Girum Mezmur from Addis Ababa

I feel confident using musical terms to compare music featuring the pentatonic scale.



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Pieces of music

Skye boat song -
Traditional Scottish,
Om Namah Shivaya -
Traditional Hindu,
Busy weaving by Liu Tianyi,
Desert blues by Alhousseini
Anivolla and Girum Mezmur.