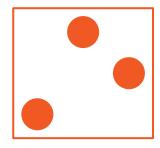
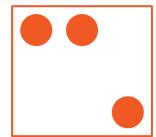
| Key Vocabulary | |
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| beat | The steady pulse that keeps going through a piece of music like a clock. |
| beat groupings | Groups of beats with a stronger first beat . They are often grouped in two, three or four beats . |
| dynamics | How loud or quiet music sounds. Dynamics can change during a piece of music. |
| pitch | How high or low a note sounds. |
| rhythm | Patterns of long and short sounds used in music. |
| tempo | How fast or slow the music is. The tempo can change during a piece of music. |

Pitch

Actions can show changes in pitch.
Standing up or raising your hands can show a high-pitched note. Sitting down or lowering your hands can show a low-pitched note.







Dot notation can be used to show the **pitch** of notes.

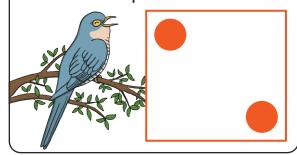
A higher dot means a higher note. A lower dot means a lower one.

Singing

Listen carefully when you are singing and try to sing the pitches correctly.

A leader might use actions or symbols to help you think about dynamics and tempo while singing.

Some songs use the cuckoo interval. This is when two notes make the sound of a cuckoo when they are played. The notes are often two notes apart in a scale.







Beat

We can mark the **beat** of a piece of music by tapping or clapping.

Sometimes, the **beat** changes so the **tempo** becomes faster or slower. If this happens, slow down or speed up your **beat** to match the new **tempo**.

Beat Groupings

We can group **beats** by doing actions, such as clapping on the first strongest **beat** and tapping our knees for the other two or three **beats**.







Stick Notation

paired quavers: Each quaver is worth half a beat.

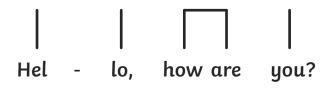
crotchet rest: A one-beat silence where no music is played.

Rhythm

Copycat **rhythms** are when one person plays a **rhythm** which is then copied by someone else.

We can use word phrases such as "hello, how are you?" to help us make up our own **rhythms**.

This stick notation shows the phrase:



Composing

This is when we create our own music. We can improvise by making up a piece of music on the spot.

We can create music in pairs where one part sounds like a question and the next part sounds like an answer.

We can use keyboards and tablets to record sounds. We can also change the sounds by making them quieter or louder, faster or slower or changing the voice making the sound.

We can write down our compositions using dot notation, stick notation or symbols like these:







