

Making Music

Key Words

BPM

Beats per Minute. Changing the BPM changes the speed of the music.

Melody

A sequence of notes which make up a tune.

Rhythm

A pattern of long and short sounds and silences.

Dynamics

How loud or quiet a sound is.

Pitch

How high or low a sound is.

Tempo

How slow or fast a piece of music is.

Synths

Short for synthesizer. Electronic musical instrument sounds.

Harmonious

Notes which sound tuneful and pleasant together.

Pulse

The steady beat of a piece of music.

Texture

The different sounds you can hear in a piece of music.

Key Learning / Resources

- To identify and discuss the main elements of music.
- To understand and experiment with rhythm and tempo.
- To create a melodic phrase.
- To electronically compose a piece of music.





Key Images



Open, save and share work.



Stop the music by pressing this button.



Play and add different notes or synths.



This changes the speed – beats per minute.



Play and add different sample sounds.



Record, stop recording and replay your work.



Clicking on the rippler triggers the sounds.

Key Questions

What is the difference between melody and rhythm?

A rhythm is a pattern of sounds based on the length of the notes and the silences. A melody is a pattern of notes based on the pitch and rhythm, which make up a memorable tune.