Lesson 1

African Music

LO: To explore African music and instruments
What do you know about African music or instruments?
African Drums

Drumming is an important part of all African music. Click to hear the sounds made by these drums.

- Dumbek
- Djembe
- Tabla
Let’s listen to some African drumming

African Uniques Traditional Dance and Music group - Djembe drums

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOS0kA_O6lQ

What sound can you hear?

How are the drums played?
Tuned African Instruments

Here are some of the instruments that create the melodies in African music.

- Oud
- Mbira
- Marimba
Lets listen to children play the Mbira

Chigwaya – chimatira Primary school Mbira lesson
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRgyDJYZ1V4

What sound can you hear?

How is the Mbira played?
What sounds can an instrument make?

Dynamics: Loud/quiet
What sounds can an instrument make?

Can you make a fast sound? Can make a slow sound?

Tempo: Fast/slow
What is Rhythm?
A rhythm is a strong pattern of sound.

Can you clap this rhythm?
Can you clap this rhythm?

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2. \(\text{\textbf{\textit{\text{}}}}\)
3. \(\text{\textbf{\textit{\text{}}}}\)
4. \(\text{\textbf{\textit{\text{}}}}\)

This is a rest. You don’t clap on a rest.
Can you clap this rhythm?
Your Task

Compose your own rhythm like the ones you have had a go at. Can you include fast and slow notes and rests?