



Music for Home Learning

Year 6



Here are some ideas for having fun whilst doing some musical activities at home. These are five ideas, each based around a different genre of music. If you enjoy these, why not explore other types of music for yourself? In each example below, you can join in accompanying a backing track using objects you can find around the house as instruments. Try to be as creative as you can. Or you might even have a go at making your own instruments out of boxes, bottles and other pieces of 'junk'! Enjoy your music making!

Country

Listen to these country music tracks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRfhfS060nU> What country do think that this type of music comes from? (USA) What instruments do you recognise?

Now listen to this backing track: <https://www.wikiloops.com/backingtrack-jam-131066.php> What instruments can you hear? Using your own instruments, join in and accompany the track.

Jazz

Listen to these tracks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7RmhU4m2no> How would you describe jazz? Use a dictionary (hard copy or online) to look up the terms 'improvisation' and 'syncopation'.

Now listen to backing this track: <https://www.wikiloops.com/backingtrack-jam-16009.php> What instruments are playing on this track? If there are no drums, why are there 4 beats at the start of the track? Using your instruments, join in and accompany the track.

Blues

Listen to these tracks: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8F_je5F_CE This type of music is called 'blues'. The structure of this music is usually a repeating 12 sets (or 'bars'), each with 4 beats in them. Hence it is sometimes called the 12-bar blues. This music originally came from America and the songs often tell stories of hardship or difficulty.

Now listen to the backing track. <https://www.wikiloops.com/backingtrack-jam-32135.php> Can you hear the same structure? Using your instruments, join in and accompany the track.

Funk

What genres of music have you listened to so far? What happens when different genres mix? Listen to some funk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2D7qUD9wnQ>

Listen to the backing track: <https://www.wikiloops.com/backingtrack-jam-84546.php> Why do you think that there is a gap in the music? Using your instruments, join in accompanying the track.

Reggae

Listen to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8aMVEVWIkOw> Where do pupils think that this type of music originates from? (Jamaica)

Listen to the backing track: <https://www.wikiloops.com/backingtrack-jam-2808.php> What instruments can hear playing on this track? How does the track keep a strong beat going when there are no drums on this track? Using your instruments, join in accompanying the track.