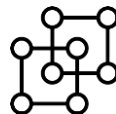




Key Vocabulary	Meaning
melody	a melody is made up of high and low sounds played one after the other
phrase	a musical sentence
improvise	when something is made up on the spot
echo	when a song or sounds are copied back to the leader
call and response	a musical conversation, when the leader sings or plays and everyone else sings / plays a response
diction	good diction is when words are sung clearly so that they can be understood
steady beat	the heartbeat of a piece of music

structure



tempo



timbre



pitch



Key Questions

- How can I learn to improvise?
- What instruments are used for improvising?
- Can we use body percussion to improvise?

Find out more!

Key Knowledge

Percussion instruments can be **tuned** or **untuned**. **Tuned** percussion instruments can play **high** and **low** notes which means they can play a **tune / melody**. **Untuned** percussion instruments cannot play **high** or **low** notes which means they are unable to play a **tune / melody**.

Tuned percussion:

xylophone



glockenspiel



Can you think of any more?

Untuned percussion:

bass drum



cymbals



castanets



Can you think of any more?

It is important to look after percussion instruments by using the correct beater to play them.

These instruments can play a tune.

These instruments cannot play a tune.

Tuned and **untuned** instruments make up the percussion section of an orchestra.



People who play percussion instruments are called **percussionists**. Percussionists normally play lots of different instruments. Can you name any of the instruments you can see?