

Knowledge Organiser: Oceans

Topic Background

From outer space Earth looks like a beautiful blue marble. That's because most of the Earth's surface is covered in water. Earth has five oceans, covering over 70% of the planet and they are all connected together. Oceans are deep as well as wide so it's no wonder that they are home to lots of the life on Earth. Scientists estimate that about one million species of animals live in the ocean (although we are yet to discover all of it). There are so many different animals ranging from crabs, to sharks, to jellyfish. We can make some awesome music inspired by these very different creatures by cleverly using rhythm or even different timbres to show their uniqueness.

Listening Pieces

- The Aquarium, Carnival of the Animals, Camille Saint-Saens, 1886

Musical Knowledge



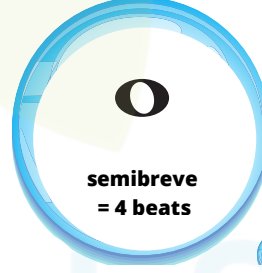
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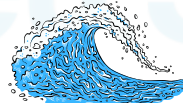
wiggle



cho-mp



shh-hh-hh-hh



tempo

S L O W



F A S T



pitch

↓
low

H I G H
↑

dynamics

quiet
p

f
LOUD

Singing: Top Tips

- feet shoulder width apart
- arms hanging loosely by your side
- shoulders back
- sing clearly and loudly without shouting



Key Vocabulary

beat: a unit of time marking out the speed at which the music is played
chorus: the most repeated bit of a song with the main idea of what the song is about
compose: to write or create music
crotchet: a note worth one beat, represented by a stem with a solid dot
dynamics: how loud or quiet a sound is
notation: a way of writing down music so that anyone can play it
note: a symbol used to write down a musical sound
paired quavers: two 1/2 beat notes
performance: an act of performing a song or piece of music
pitch: how high or low a sound is
posture: refers to the way the body is held
rhythm: patterns of sound consisting of shorter and longer notes
tempo: how fast or slow the music is
verse: the lyrics that help to tell the story of the song