

Home learning activities

Subject
Music
Year Group
7
Unit of work / Knowledge organiser
Activities
If you have not finished the 30 day challenge then continue with that. For those of you who have then complete the worksheet on Gamelan music.
Where do you complete the work?
Follow the instructions for each day, but either on the internet or in your study books. Complete the worksheet in your Study book.
What to do if you finish the work? (Extension activity)
Continue to make music using Soundtrap.
These websites might help:
www.soundtrap.com/tutorials www.solihullmusicservice.com www.youtube.com
If you are struggling with your work or if you have finished..
Please email your classroom teacher directly using the email list found in the Home Learning section of the website.

GAMELAN MUSIC

Name _____ Form _____



The islands of Indonesia are famous for their gamelan bands. Most of the instruments in the band are tuned percussion devices of one sort or another. In fact, the word gamelan means "struck with a hammer". Chiming gongs are common. They are either hung upright on a wooden frame or laid flat in a wooden or metal container. Types of xylophone such as the *gender* or *saron* are also commonly used. These are tuned metal or wooden bars placed over a trough or tubes to amplify the sound. They are struck with a wooden mallet. These instruments play the basic melody over and over again. More complicated melodies are blended into the sound by the bamboo flute, the fiddle or the voice. In this way, a kind of harmony is produced.

Double headed drums played with both hands are also used. The whole performance is coordinated by the drummer. He takes the lead and may direct the rest of the band to change the tempo at any time during a performance.



The music is quite unique. It has a hypnotic and enchanting sound. The melody floats against a background of string, varied rhythms produced by the percussion instruments. In Indonesia, many villages make their own instruments. This means that each band produces its own unique sound because the tuning will vary from village to village. Most western instruments are tuned exactly the same.



A gamelan band is an amazing sight. There may be as many as 80 musicians joined by female solo singers and a male chorus. The largest of the gong can be as much as 90cm in diameter. Some of these are suspended between cleverly carved figures or hung from bars moulded into weird birds and beasts from legend. Many of the xylophones are shaped into peacocks, dragons, sea serpents and other strange creatures.

Gamelan music has been part of Indonesian life for centuries. Originally refined and subtle pieces were played at the courts of local princes.

Nowadays, it is

played during religious ceremonies and to accompany theatrical performances. In the villages, the popular puppet dramas which take place during the night are accompanied by gamelan music. Many social gatherings, particularly weddings, are not considered complete without a gamelan band.



Questions

1. What does the word "gamelan" mean? _____
2. To what "family" or "type" of instruments do most instruments in a gamelan band belong to? _____
3. Write a list of the instruments in a gamelan band. _____

4. Finish this sentence : *The musicians' performance is coordinated by* _____
5. How would you describe the sound of a gamelan band? _____

6. Why does the sound of a gamelan band vary from village to village? _____

7. On what sort of occasions is gamelan music played? _____

8. Describe the structure of gamelan music using the following words to help you:
xylophones, basic melody, complicated melody, harmony. _____



30 Day Music Challenge

<p>1. Pick a song on this website and learn to play it on the piano (or your computer keyboard).</p>	<p>2. Put Youtube on for 10 minutes and just listen to music - no phones, no distractions!</p>	<p>3. Find 5 songs which feature a ukulele. Write them down and listen to them - which is your favourite?</p>	<p>4. Using SoundTrap, compose a 1 minute piece of music.</p> <p><i>See guidance below</i></p>	<p>5. Use this website to learn about British Pop Music. Write down 3 things you learned.</p>	<p>6. Create a walking playlist - pick up to 30 minutes worth of music that you could listen to whilst going for a walk.</p>
<p>7. Watch TV and pay close attention to the music - <i>what do you notice? How does it help enhance what's happening?</i></p>	<p>8. Use this website to create a wordsearch about something musical (names of songs, artists, instruments etc.)</p>	<p>9. Pick a song on this website and learn to play it on the piano (or your computer keyboard).</p>	<p>10. Find 5 songs that are played by an orchestra. Write them down and listen to them – which is your favourite?</p>	<p>11. Use this website to learn about composing music for video games. Write down 5 things you learned.</p>	<p>12. Let YouTube take you on a musical journey! Start with this song and use the Recommendations for your next song. Listen for 20 minutes.</p>
<p>13. Spend 10 minutes on Google music lab. Use the different experiments to make music. (Use google chrome on laptop or phone)</p>	<p>14. Create a workout playlist – pick up to 30 minutes worth of music that you could listen to whilst working out.</p>	<p>15. Pick a song and learn it on the piano (or computer keyboard).</p>	<p>16. Find 5 songs with a colour in its title. Write them down and listen to them - which is your favourite?</p>	<p>17. Close your eyes and listen to music for 10 minutes. No phones, no distractions!</p>	<p>18. Use this website to learn and take a quiz about Beethoven.</p>

19. Find out 10 facts about the composer Edward Elgar .	20. Use this website to learn about drum beats and how to create them.	21. Create a playlist of songs beginning with every letter of the alphabet .	22. Find 5 songs which feature a choir . Write them down and listen to them - which is your favourite?	23. Using Soundtrap compose a 1 minute piece of music.	24. Use this website to learn about the DJing and Mixing. Write down 5 things you learned.
25. Pick a song on this website and learn to play it on the piano (or your computer keyboard).	26. Use Soundtrap to compose a 1 minute piece of music.	27. Find 5 songs with the name of a place in its title. Write them down and listen to them - which is your favourite?	28. Use this website to practice reading notes. Try and get the highest score you can!	29. Create a party playlist - pick 30 minutes worth of music you could listen to at a party.	30. Close your eyes for 10 minutes and just listen to music - no phones, no distractions!

Soundtrap guide

How to create a Soundtrap account

1. Go to www.soundtrap.com
2. Click on the Education tap at the top.
3. Click on 'Join as student'
4. Enter Code – 2M87RQT
5. Fill in following information.

How to create a new project on soundtrap (Watch the demo videos to learn how to use soundtrap)

OPTION 1: If using a laptop

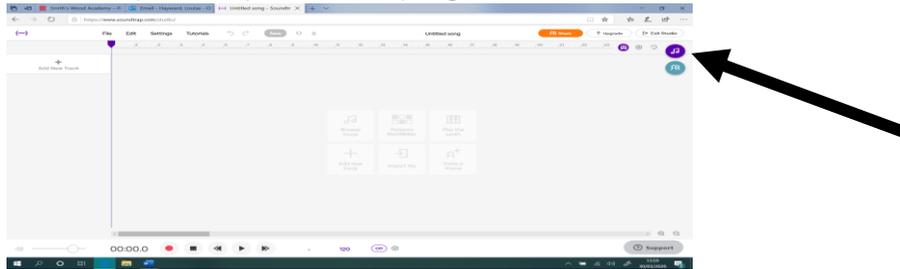
1. Click on either the purple or orange button which says 'Enter studio'
2. Click on Music
3. Close any pop ups.

OPTION 2: If using a phone or tablet

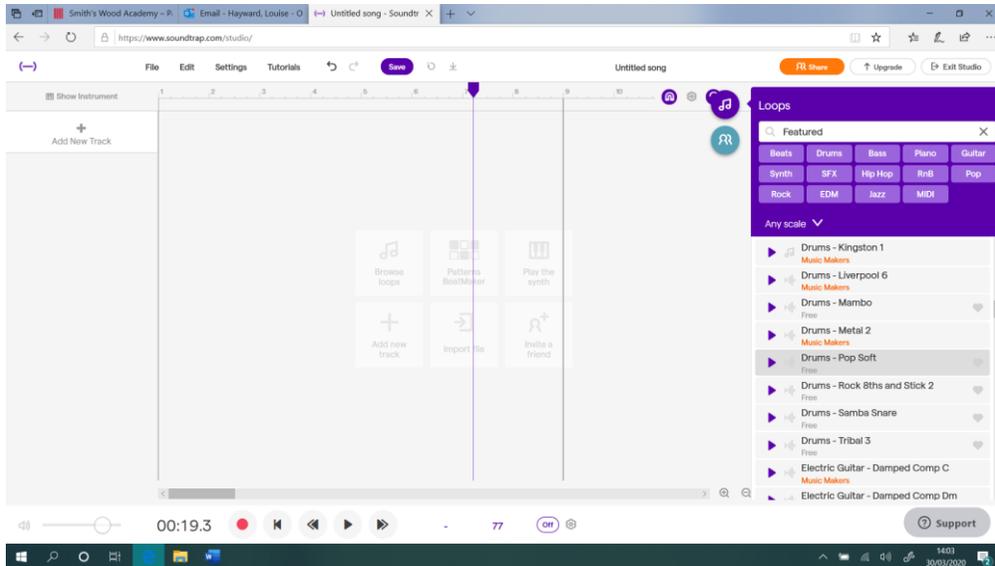
1. Click on 'Create new project'
2. Choose the **blank** template

Instructions

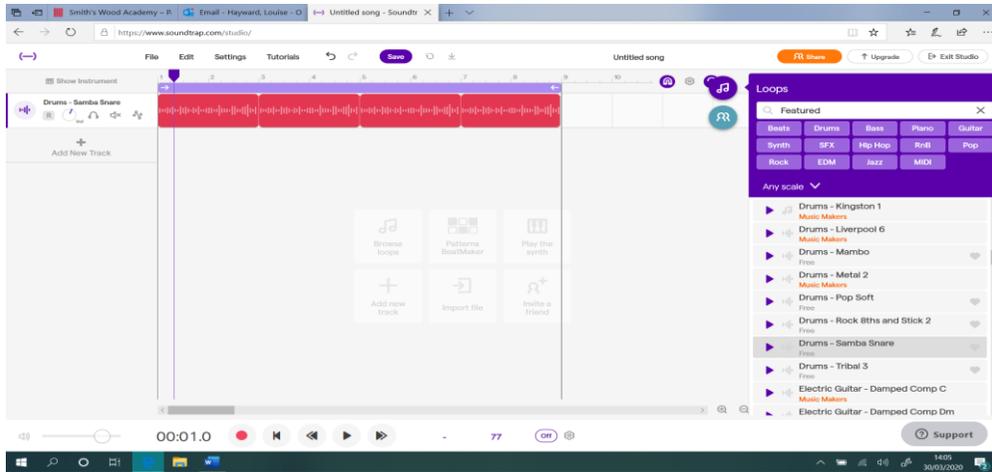
1. Click on quaver symbol in top right hand corner.



2. Choose the loop that you like. You can only use the free ones.



3. To add the loop either drag it across or double click on the loop in the menu.



4. Add more loops to the project. You can drag them across the screen to start them where you want them to. Click on the loop button to repeat a loop (Yellow). Make sure the cycle mode is not on (red).

