

Music

Grade 6

Music genres

Explore the sounds, instruments and roots of different styles.



I can recognise music genres and describe their features.



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Match up

Draw a line to match each pair.

☐

Jazz

☐

Rock

☐

Hip-hop

☐

Reggae

☐

Classical



● A. off-beat rhythms, from Jamaica

● B. improvisation and swing rhythms

● C. orchestras and written scores

● D. electric guitars and strong drums

● E. rapping over beats

2 🎸 Pick the answer

Circle the right answer.

1. Which genre grew from blues and gospel in the USA?

A jazz

B flamenco

C polka

2. Which instrument is typical in flamenco?

A bagpipes

B Spanish guitar

C sitar

3 🌍 Complete the table

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Genre	Typical instrument	Country of origin
Reggae		
Tango		
K-pop		

4 ✅ True or false

Circle true or false.

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True

False

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True

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3. Reggae comes from Brazil.

True

False

4. Rock music usually has no drums.

True

False

5. Samba comes from Brazil.

True

False

6. Improvising means making up music on the spot.

True

False

5 Where does it come from?

Write each genre in the right box.

flamenco

bhangra

polka

gamelan

blues

samba

The Americas

Europe

Asia

6 Parts of a song

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lyrics

chorus

verse

tempo

beat

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3. Each _____ has new words that move the story on.
4. The speed of the music is the _____.
5. The steady pulse you tap your foot to is the _____.

7 17 Which came first?

Number the styles from 1 (oldest) to 4 (newest).

☐

rock and roll

☐

blues

☐

hip-hop

☐

jazz

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Think and write

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How did it go?



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