

Vocabulary	Meaning
Rhythm	The pattern of long and short sounds
Pulse	The steady beat - the 'heartbeat'
Tambourine	A percussion instrument with a round frame with pairs of metal jingles around
Chant	Halfway between speaking normally and singing
Beat	Another word for pulse
Claves	A pair of short wooden sticks which you hit together
Triangle	A small metal percussion instrument shaped like a triangle
Guiro	A wooden instrument from Latin America that you scrape with a stick
Cowbell	A large, loud metal bell often used to beat time. Some cows wear them!
Siren	A sound that goes from low to high pitch and repeats
Blend	To make our voices sound together, like one voice
Rest	When you stay silent in music
Silent	Not making any noise
Accompaniment	The background of the music that goes with the main tune or makes it sound even better

Key knowledge - Percussion = instruments you hit, scrape or shake!



Key knowledge - How do we keep time in music?



The pulse of a piece of music keeps us in time.

The pulse is the steady beat that underpins a piece of music, like our heartbeat. Sometimes a pulse has one beat, sometimes it has more, just like our heart has two beats for each pulse.

Key knowledge - Ta Ti-Ti Shh!



= Ta



= Ti-Ti



= Shh

We can show how long a beat is using different sounds

We can use symbols to help us in music.

Ta = 1 beat

Ti-Ti = two half beats

Shh = rest