

Vocabulary	Meaning
Part singing	Performers singing something different to one another, often the same words but using a harmony line
Layer	Musical parts that sit on top of each other, for example if there is a singer that is one layer; if there is a guitar playing chords that is a second layer
Exodus	A book of the Old Testament wherein Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and to the promised land
Musical signal	An idea in the music (such as a particular rhythm or short melody) that people recognise as having a predecided meaning
Talking drum	A special drum used in West Africa which is played in a way that sounds like words being spoken
Code	A way of sending a message and keeping it secret
Rhythmic action	An action or movement made repeatedly in time to a pulse
Imitation (music)	Copying a line of music that has already been played (often by a different voice or instrument)
Improvise	Creating new music in a live performance
Expression	Using various techniques to convey your personal response to a piece of music
Authentic (music)	to perform music from a different time or place with awareness of how it would have been performed originally, and attempting to perform in a similar way
Assess	To review something and identify strengths and weaknesses

Key knowledge - Where did spirituals originate?

Spirituals are a type of music created by the first African Americans who were enslaved people and their descendants. Many of the songs contain religious Christian themes combined with elements from African music such as call and response, pentatonic melodies and improvisation.



Key knowledge - Types of spiritual songs

Jubilee song	A spiritual which is fast paced and rhythmic, often performed by more professional groups and choirs
Sorrow song	A spiritual which is slow, with sad or despairing lyrics
Work song	Songs performed whilst people perform manual labour, often involuntarily such as in slavery or prison settings

Key knowledge - Expressing emotions using tonality

Major - happy sounding scale



Minor - sad sounding scale

