

Music – The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Listening

Musicians listen to and appreciate a variety of different styles of music.

Composing

Musicians compose music for different themes.

Performing

Musicians perform competently to others.

Notating

Musicians record their own and others' music through notation.

What should I already know?

minim	half note		2 beats
crotchet	quarter note		1 beat



What am I going to learn?

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air was written and performed by Will Smith in 1990 for a television series of the same name. The music and show were written by Quincy Jones.



Structure: Piano intro, verse 1, verse 2, chorus, verse 3, interlude, chorus, verse 4 with tag ending Instruments/sounds

you can hear: Loops, samples, decks, scratching, drums, bass, synthesizer, rapper. Can you find the pulse as you are listening? Is the tempo fast, slow or inbetween? Dynamics? Texture?

Listen to 5 other hip hop songs:

-Me Myself and I by De La Soul, Ready or Not by Fugees, Rapper's Delight by The Sugarhill Gang, U Can't Touch This by MC Hammer, It's Like That by Run DMC

Key Vocabulary

Definition

pulse	the regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat.
rhythm	long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.
pitch	high and low sounds
tempo	the speed of the music; fast or slow or in-between
dynamics	how loud or quiet the music is
timbre	all instruments, including voices, have a certain sound quality e.g. the trumpet has a very different sound quality to the violin.
texture	layers of sound. Layers of sound working together make music very interesting to listen to.
structure	every piece of music has a structure e.g. an introduction, verse and chorus ending.
Notation	the link between sound and symbol
Hip-hop	Music that developed in the 1970s but remains very popular today. It includes rapping.

History of Music

Notation

Glockenspiet - melody

The Fresh Prince of Bel Air

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Count-in: 1 2 3 4, 2 2 3 4



