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Year 5 Music Unit 4 Pitch

What should I already know?

• I understand that pitch is used to create different moods and emotional responses in music

Key Vocabulary

Pulse - the regular 'heartbeat' of a piece, holding the core timing together in a piece of music. This is also known as the beat.

Tempo - the speed at which a piece of music is played

- Chord A group of notes which sound at the same time
- Harmony The sound of two or more notes played simultaneously
- Interval The difference in pitch between 2 sounds

Melodic phrase - A 'musical sentence' created by a series of notes which sounds complete even when played alone

Minimalist music - Music that has limited or minimal musical materials or ideas featuring lots of repetition

Motif - A short musical 'idea' representing a mood or character in a piece of music

Ostinato - A repeated musical phrase or rhythm

Pitch - How high or low a note is

Rhythm - The pattern of syllables or sounds played through time, formed by a series of notes.

Tone - A musical or vocal sound characterised by its pitch, quality, and strength.

Semitone - Half a tone (the smallest interval in Western Classical music)

Scale - An ordered sequence of notes in either ascending or descending order

Texture - The way that pitch and rhythm are combined in a piece of music which determines the overall quality of the sound

Timbre - The quality or 'colour' of sound that makes one voice or instrument different from another.

