



What should I already know?

- A pulse is like keeping the beat or holding a rhythm.
- A pulse in musical terms is similar to our heartbeat - a regular rhythm.
- Keeping a pulse or rhythm steady in a musical piece is very important.

Key knowledge

- A range of songs which are underpinned with ostinatos.
- Riffs, walking bass lines and repeating patterns are connected to pulse in musical terms.
- Understanding and getting a feel of pulse and the importance of keeping a steady pulse when performing.
- A range of different time signatures, including working with 10 beat rhythmic patterns will help us understand pulse.

Key Vocabulary

Bass line/Ground bass - A repeating bass line

Drone - A constant low note

Internalising words - To hear the words in their head without saying them out loud

Ostinato - A repeated musical phrase or rhythm

Pentatonic - A five note scale Eg C, D, E, G, A

Pulse - The regular 'heartbeat' of a piece, holding the core timing together in a song

Syncopation - Changes in rhythm where notes are accented

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



Main events



Location



Settlements



Artefacts