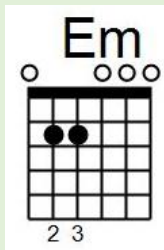


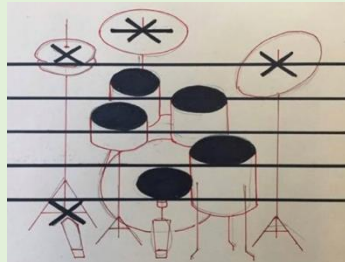
Popular Music

- Ensemble – group performance
- Strophic form – the structure of a pop song with verses, choruses and a bridge

Guitar chords



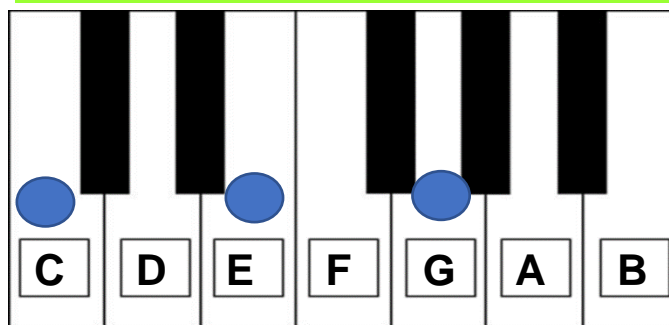
Drum notation



Blues Music

- Created by African-American musicians in the USA.
- Call & response – a question & answer
- 12 bar blues – 12 bar chord structure
- Improvisation – musicians make up the music as they go along
- Syncopation – off beat
- Bassline – a low repetitive pattern

Chord = multiple notes played at once



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Musical Structure

- Binary – A B
- Ternary – A B A
- Rondo – A B A C A D
- Theme & variations – one musical idea followed by different versions of the main theme

Reggae

- Music comes from Jamaica. Bob Marley was a world-famous reggae musician.
- Hook – a catchy short melody which reoccurs in the song
- Emphasis on beats 2 & 4

Musical Elements

- Pitch – high/low
- Tempo – speed of the music
- Dynamics – volume
- Melody – the main tune
- Timbre – the sound the instrument makes
- Texture – how many layers are playing together
- Duration – the length of the note or song
- Structure – the overall plan of the music

Italian Terms

- Largo – slowly
- Andante – walking pace/moderate
- Allegro – fast
- Presto – very fast
- Piano – quiet *p*
- Mezzo piano – moderately quiet *mp*
- Mezzo forte – moderately loud *mf*
- Forte – loud *f*
- Crescendo – gradually get louder
- Diminuendo – gradually get quieter



Film Music

- Genre = the type/style of music/film
- Leitmotif = a short melody to represent a character