



Music of the month

October



**This month you
will '2 - step'
into the world
of country
music.**





Overview

Musical instrument families

Read more about the four types of musical instruments!

As you explore more musical genres you will be asked to listen to and identify the instruments you can hear.

String



String instruments produce sound when you pluck their strings. The vibration from plucking the string is transmitted to the body of the instrument.

Woodwind



Woodwind instruments are blown into in order to produce sounds. The length of the air column affects the pitch of the sound note produced. The longer the air column, the lower the pitch is produced. The shorter the air column, the higher the pitch is.

Brass



Similar to woodwinds, **brass** instruments you blow into in order to produce sound. They create a much different type of sound than woodwind (more of a buzzing sound you hear in jazz and blues music). These instruments are made of brass or other types of metal material.

Percussion



Percussion instruments produce sound when someone beats or strikes the surface. They can also be shaken. Some instruments are beaten with hands or sticks.



Exploring the world of country music.

Read and learn!

Overview:

Country music originates from early American folk and Western music.

In country music, you often hear simple ballads using string instruments such as banjo and guitar.

History:

Country music is a genre that originated in southern United States and the Appalachian Mountains around the 1920's.

Music from Atlanta helped launch country music of today.



Famous musicians and bands:

1920's - Jimmie Rodgers, the Carter family, Cliff Carlisle

1930's - Patsy Montana, Bob Wills, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers

1950/60's - Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins

1970's - Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Ray Price, Hank Williams

1980's till now - Shania Twain, Dixie Chicks, Keith Urban, Faith Hill

Common elements of country music:

In country music, you will often hear a story being told. String instruments are often used, such as the guitar, fiddle and banjo.

Have a listen to the Banjo boys perform - can you tell the difference between the three instruments?

Look carefully at how each instrument is held and played.

Country music also has a simple musical structure compared to other genres of music.

Listening to country music:

- While listening, describe what you hear.
- What story is being told?
- Listen for specific instruments, beats and rhythms.

If anything stands out then write it out!

There are no wrong answers!

[Dolly Parton - Coat of many colours](#)

Country music

What I learned!

My favourite thing about country music is
(and why)...

One fun fact I learned about country music was...

A question I have about country music is...

Make sure you collect a 'What I learned' sheet from Mrs Weston. It contains the questions above and space for you to draw!

Remember to hand it in once complete, ready for display!

