



Wigan Music Service Whole Class Instrumental Lessons at Home



GUITAR

Listen Up!

In this lesson we will look at **Harmony**.

Harmony is created when you have two or more pitched notes sounding at the same time, so on our guitars we can play a **Harmony** when we play two or more strings at the same time.

Watch and listen to this video from BBC Bitesize which explains more about **Harmony**, then answer the questions.

- 1) How does Kerry Andrews explain what a **Chord** is in the video?
- 2) What moods do the **Chords** create in the video?
- 3) Can you think of when you may have heard a **Harmony** before?

Parents, here's the link to the video.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcbkcj6/articles/zqx>

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Make Some Music



Let's create some Harmony using the melody of Frère Jacques!

If you have your guitar:



Play 3 strings at the same time to the **Pulse**. Put your thumb on the D (Daft) string then move your thumb down towards the floor and strum the D (Daft), G (Goes) and B (Bunny) strings together be careful not to strum the E (Easter string).

If you do not have your guitar:

Sing the melody of the song 2 times with the backing track. You will notice when you get to *Brother John, Brother John* another guitar part starts the melody from the beginning which creates a **Harmony**. You may find the English lyrics easier to say but you could try the French Lyrics in the 'More fun section'.

*Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping?
Brother John, brother John
Morning bells are ringing! Morning bells are ringing!
Ding dang dong! Ding dang dong*

Parents, the backing track will be in the lesson email.



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Investigate



It is very common to play **Chords** on a guitar so we need to understand how different groups of notes create different moods.

- 1) Watch the video again in the 'Listen up' section.
 - a) How does Kerry Andrews describe the sound of a major **Chord**?
 - b) How do the pupils describe the sound of a minor **Chord** in the video?
- 2) In the 'Make some music' section we played a G major **Chord** on our guitars. What 3 notes did we use?
- 3) In an E minor **Chord** we use notes E, G and B. Try to play these 3 notes together if you have your guitar.
- 4) Can you think of any other instruments which can play more than one note at the same time like a guitar?

More Fun

Frère Jacques is a French nursery rhyme but you can also sing the nursery rhyme using English words.

- 1) Try to sing the song in French

*Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?
Sonnez les matines! Sonnez les matines!
Ding dang dong. Ding dang dong*

- 2) Can you think of any other nursery rhymes or songs from other countries?