



## Wigan Music Service Whole Class Instrumental Lessons at Home



### WOODWIND

#### Investigate



We are going to investigate jazz music and improvisation.

Jazz is a style of music that originated in America. Its main features which make it easy to spot are its use of swing rhythm and improvisation.

This video on BBC Bitesize introduces jazz pulse and rhythm  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zqdtfg8>

Do you notice the rhythm played by the drums is a long note then a short note? This is called swing.

The instruments used to play jazz music tend to be trumpet, trombone, saxophone, clarinet, guitar, double bass, piano and drums.....though any instrument can be used!

Improvisation, which is a big part of jazz, basically means making it up! An improviser can play anything they like, though they try and play sounds that fit the music and don't clash with the other musicians.

Just like pop and classical music have different styles so does jazz and we look at these in Listen Up!

#### Listen Up!

This is some traditional Dixieland New Orleans jazz. It started to emerge in the 1900's and came from jazzing up marches. Spot the woodwind instrument!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsNLR9g8-RU>

As bands grew larger they became called Big bands. They concentrate on a sound from the whole band and less on solo improvisers. This is a famous piece by Glenn Miller:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vOUYry\\_5Nw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vOUYry_5Nw)

Bebop, a faster style of music with lots of improvisation was developed in the 1950's by a saxophone player called Charlie Parker:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZYaSkhRhoE>

Miles Davis, a trumpet player, made the biggest change in jazz. He created a whole new sound using something called modes instead of chords. Listen to him playing Kind of Blue and see if you can tell it has a different sound to the previous jazz styles:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-488UORrfJ0>

If you enjoyed listening to all those styles of jazz, practise hard and when you're super at playing your instrument you could join Wigan Youth Jazz Orchestra, check them out in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHxEXbZBsQE>



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### Make Some Music



We are going to try some improvisation! This can seem quite strange if you've never done it before, but don't worry you can't get anything wrong!

Descant recorder players use C,B,A,G and Treble recorder players F,E,D,C. Have a think about what you want to sound like; would you like to do loud or quiet notes, long or short notes?

Sometimes it can help to imagine a character you are representing when you play, can you improvise some notes that sound like a slug?! Choose any animal, character or object you like!

Once you start to feel confident with improvising try play along to these 8 bar blues tracks – these are traditional jazz accompaniments.

This track will work well for descant recorder players:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3gJQYXXFjY>

This track will work well for treble recorder players:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6aZZFnZUVk>

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#### Instrument Word Search List

Accordion	Harp	Banjo	Organ	Baritone
Piano	Bugle	Saxophone	Cello	Xylophone
Timpani	Clarinet	Trombone	Drum Set	Trumpet
Flute	Tuba	Violin	French Horn	
Violin	Guitar			

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