

Listen Up!

Listen to the following 4 pieces of music. In each of them, the composer deliberately intends to create a mood. For each piece, choose two words from the box which you think best describe the mood of the music.

calm	violent	joyous	thoughtful	joking
carefree	sad	mysterious	menacing	energetic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L01aMwPYwqA>



Listen until 1.03

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uqgv2xsw2o>



Listen until 2.45

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8PwjOf0d6M>



Listen until 1.35

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRFfyDE3gEo>



Listen until 2.00

Explore

Next, listen to this music. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXHxBN0-b6s>

This piece is called **Svevende Jord** (Floating Earth) and was composed by a Swedish singer called Tone Hulbaekmo



Listen from the beginning. At **2.06 – 3.36** the music changes character. Describe this change in mood.

How does the **Tempo** change at 2.06? How does this affect the mood of the music?

Ask someone else in your house to complete the activity in the **Listen Up!** section. Do you agree on your choice of words for each piece? Sometimes different people hear different moods in the same piece!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRFfyDE3gEo>



Listen once more to this piece. It is from Japan and is called **Etenraku** which means 'Music coming through from heaven.'

Does the mood change or remain the same throughout?

Describe the use of **Dynamics** and **Pitch** in this piece.

How does the music paint the picture of '**Music coming through from heaven**'?

Discuss this music with someone in your house.

Key Words:

Tempo: the speed of the music

Dynamics: refers to volume or the use of quiets and louds.

Pitch: high and low sounds

Extras!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X22-EXW0hOM>

1. Now listen to this piece called '**Ride of the Valkyries**' by a composer called Richard Wagner. As you listen, try to draw what comes into your head. Maybe it is a pattern or a scene. Perhaps the music reminds you of an event you have been to or a film that you have watched. There is no right or wrong answer, just your own interpretation. If you can do this with someone else in your house, compare your pictures and discuss the differences.

2. Finally, Listen to this piece of music and look at the four pictures below. Which picture do you think matches the music most closely?

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

