

Knowledge Organiser: The Senses

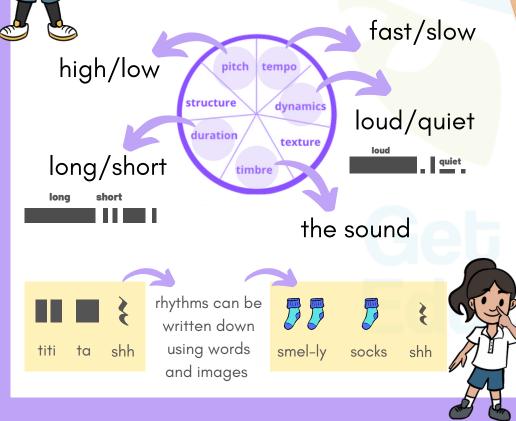
Topic Background

Our senses allow us to observe and understand the world around us. There are five main ways we can do this: through sight (with our eyes), touch (with our fingers), smell (with our nose), taste (with our tongue) and hearing (with our ears).

The senses of sight and hearing are especially important in music so that we can sing and play in time with each other and follow a conductor or notation.

Musical Knowledge

The inter-related dimensions can be written down using graphic notation (imag<mark>es, symbols).</mark>



Listening Pieces

- Andrea Bocelli, Ave Maria, 1996
- Samuel Barber, Adagio for Strings, 1936



Key Vocabulary

conductor: the leader of the orchestra, letting the musicians know when and how to play
dynamics: how loud or quiet a sound is
length: how long or short a sound or silence is
notes: a symbol used to write down a musical sound
pitch: how high or low a sound is
pulse: the heartbeat of the music
rest: a silent note in music
rhythm: patterns of sound consisting of shorter and longer notes
sound: what an instrument, voice or found sound sounds like e.g. twinkly, crunching
tempo: how fast or slow the music is
voice: the production of sound from the vocal chords

