



History of Music

Steel pan - emerged in the 1930's using metal items such as car parts, dustbins and oil drums and originated in Trinidad. The history of this can be traced back to enslaved Africans in the 1700's. They are normally played in ensemble groups of between 4 and 100 people.



Appreciate and understand a range of music

Calypso music - the most common type of music genre played on the steel pan drum. This is a type of folk song that originates primarily from Trinidad and other Caribbean Islands.



Inspirational People

Pharrell Williams - an American rapper, singer, songwriter and record producer. He worked on the musical score (amongst others) for the Despicable Me films.

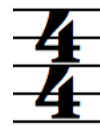


Instrument and Voices

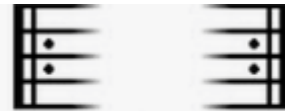
Steel pan - a type of percussion instrument made from industrial drums and are hit with mallets.



Musical Notation

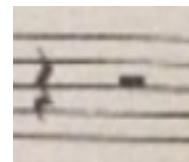


Time signature. The top number indicates how many beats in a bar and the bottom number indicates what type of beats (the 4 here means crotchets).



begin repeat end repeat

Repeat signs found in music.



A crotchet rest (one beat) and the other indicates the rest of the bar is a rest.



Careers

Singer/rapper - someone that performs either their own music or that written for them. Rapping is where rhythm is added to speech and music. A singer/rapper's salary varies dependent on whether the artist has been 'discovered' or not.

Record producer - someone who oversees the creation of an album. The highest paid record producer has a net worth of \$400 million.

Songwriter - someone that creates their own music for either themselves or other artists to perform.



Musical Elements

Pulse - a steady beat measured in beats per minute (BPM) that is like your heartbeat or a ticking clock. Usually, it is regular.

Rhythm - a sequence/pattern of short or long sounds throughout a piece of music.

Dynamics - how loud or quiet a piece of music is. Vocabulary such as *piano* and *forte* may be referred to.

Pitch - how high or low a note or sequence of notes are.

Key vocabulary

* Percussion - musical instruments played by striking with the hand or with a stick or beater, or by shaking, including drums, cymbals, xylophones, gongs, bells, and rattles.

* Mallets—sticks used to beat the steel pan drum with rubber at the end

Forte - indicates loud as a dynamic marking, in Italian

Piano - indicates quiet as a dynamic marking, in Italian.

Melody - identifiable musical sounds.

Genre - a musical style (eg pop, calypso, rock, R&B)