

Year 4 Music Assessment: Exploring World Music

Learning objective: To identify and describe musical instruments, rhythms, and traditions from different cultures around the world.

Read each question carefully. Use your musical vocabulary to answer the questions in the spaces provided. You have 30 minutes to complete this paper.

Music is a universal language. Across the globe, different communities use unique instruments and rhythms to celebrate, tell stories, and share their history. From the rhythmic beating of drums in West Africa to the shimmering chimes of an Indonesian orchestra, music connects us all. By listening to the sounds of other cultures, we learn about how people live, work, and play in different parts of the world.

Word bank: djembe · rhythm · tempo · pitch · gamelan · culture · tradition · ensemble · percussion

1. Max the monkey is listening to a fast-paced drum performance from West Africa. Define the word 'rhythm' in your own words. (2 marks)

2. Zara the zebra is looking at a Gamelan orchestra. Why is an orchestra considered an 'ensemble'? (2 marks)

3. Name one specific percussion instrument you have studied this term and describe the material it is made from. (2 marks)

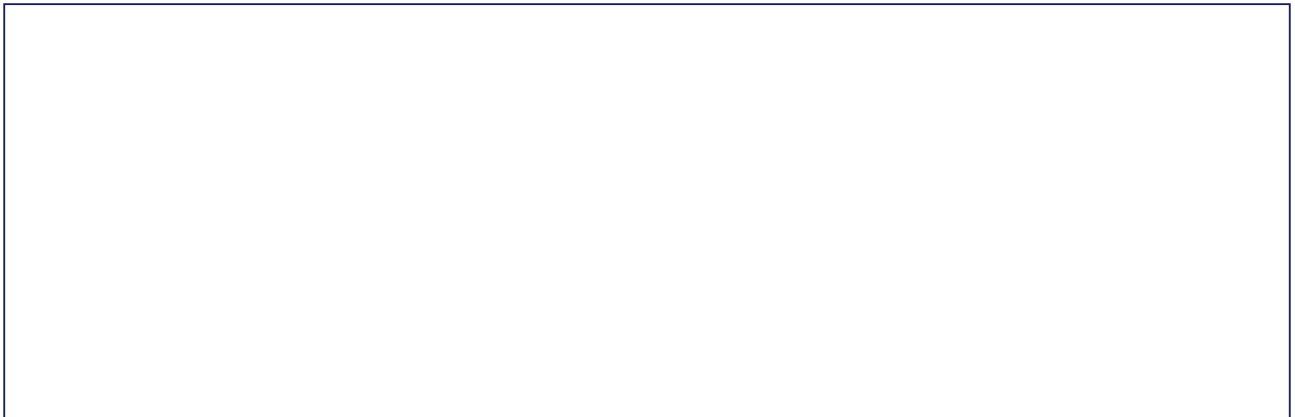
4. Compare the sound of a metal gong to the sound of a wooden drum. Use musical terms like 'pitch' or 'timbre' in your answer. (4 marks)

5. Why do you think music is an important part of a culture or tradition? Give two reasons. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are travelling the world with Finn the dolphin. Write a short diary entry (approx. 80-100 words) describing a musical performance you witnessed in a new country. Include details about the instruments used, the speed of the music, and how it made the audience feel. (6 marks)

7. If a concert ticket costs £4.50, and a group of 3 friends go together, how much does it cost in total? Show your working. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a musical instrument from a country other than your own. Label the parts of the instrument and identify what family of instruments it belongs to.



Extension challenge: Total: /25