

## Global Rhythms: A World of Music

Pack your bags and join Finn the dolphin on a musical journey around the globe!

- Music is a universal language, meaning people all over the world use it to tell stories, celebrate, and share their history, even if they speak different languages.
- Traditional instruments are often made from materials found in the local environment, such as bamboo, animal skins, gourds, or wood.
- The rhythm of a piece of music is often influenced by the heartbeat of a culture's dance styles and local festivals.
- Many cultures use 'call and response' in their music, where one person sings or plays a melody and a group answers back.
- World music helps us understand how different parts of the world celebrate important events like harvests, weddings, and the changing of the seasons.

*Did you know? Did you know? The Djembe drum, originally from West Africa, is shaped like a goblet and is traditionally carved from a single piece of wood. When played with bare hands, it can create a huge variety of sounds, from deep bass tones to sharp, high-pitched slaps!*

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