

Key Vocabulary

decks	Equipment used by DJs, MCs, and Rappers to mic sounds from different records and to make effects e.g. scratching that was first used in the late 1970s.
backing loops	The accompaniment to a song.
synthesizer	An electric instrument that looks like a keyboard.
scratching	A DJ and turntablist technique of moving a vinyl record back and forth on a turntable to produce percussive or rhythmic sounds.
structure	How the sections (verses and choruses etc.) of a song are ordered to make the whole piece.
improvise	To make up a tune and play it on the spot. There is an assumption that it can never be recreated.
compose	Creating and developing musical ideas and 'fixing' them.
unison	Everyone plays or sings the same music at the same time.

Hip hop songs

- Me Myself and I by De La Soul
- Ready or Not by Fugees
- Rapper's Delight by The Sugarhill Gang
- U Can't Touch This by MC Hammer
- It's Like That by Run DMC

Objectives

- To listen to and discuss musical extracts using the interrelated dimensions of music.
- To identify the introduction, verse and chorus of a song.
- To identify instrumental families.
- To move to and understand how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together to create a song.
- To sing as an ensemble with an awareness of tune, pitch, voice and posture.
- To play tuned and untuned instruments.
- To improvise using melody and rhythm.
- To listen, play and record a composition of up to 5 notes.

Significant People



The Sugarhill Gang is an American hip-hop group, known for their 1979 hit single, Rapper's Delight.



Roxanne Shanté born in 1969 is a hip-hop pioneer. She was the first female rapper to have a hit single.

Key Facts

Old school Hip hop refers to an earlier hip hop style that began in 1979. It uses simple rapping techniques, compared to later hip hop music.

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air was written and performed by Will Smith in 1990 for a television series of the same name. The music and show were written by Quincy Jones.

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pulse	The regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat.
rhythm	Long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.
pitch	High and low sounds.
tempo	The speed of the music; fast or slow or in-between.
dynamics	How loud or quiet the music is.
texture	Layers of sound. Layers of sound working together make music very interesting to listen to.
melody	Another name for tune.
riff	A short repeated phrase, often played on a lead instrument such as guitar, piano or saxophone.
timbre	A musical dimension that describes the quality and character of the sound of the instruments used.

Reflection

What are the 'style indicators' of Hip Hop?
 How do you know this is Hip Hop?
 Are there other hip hop artists do you know or like listening to?
 Do you know any young female rappers?