



Year 3

Pentatonic Music



The pentatonic scale is a musical scale containing five different tones. The pentatonic scale takes its name from the Latin words penta meaning 'five' and tonus which means 'sound' or 'tone' and so the pentatonic scale is simply a five note musical scale.

It is thought that the pentatonic scale represents an early stage of musical development, because it is found, in different forms, in most of the world's music.



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- Old MacDonald had a 'glock'
- What you got cooking in the pot?
 - Chinese Dragon Song
 - Amazing Grace
- Swing Low Sweet Chariot

Vocabulary

Tempo - the speed of the music

Pitch - whether notes are high or low

Rhythm - a pattern of beats

Dynamics - the volume of the music

Timbre - Type of instrument or sound