



Year 5 Rounds



The round, also known as “rondo” in Italian, has been an element in western music since the 1100s.

A round is a short musical piece in which multiple voices sing the same melody but start the song at different times. When each singer gets to the end of the song, they return to the beginning and start again. Though simple, rounds have a beautiful cyclical sound that requires concentration. It's easy to get caught up in another singer's track!



Famous Rounds

Many nursery rhymes were written as rounds, including London's Burning, Three Blind Mice and I Like The Flowers.

Palestrina, a famous Italian composer wrote Dona Nobis Pacem, meaning grant us peace. This round is often performed in churches today.

Vocabulary

Rounds- songs or pieces of music where groups perform the same parts at the same time but from different starting points

Melody - a tune

Ascending - getting higher

Descending - getting lower

Step movement - moving one notes at a time

Leaps - moving by jumping several notes

Folk Music - Music that is traditional to a country that is usually popular amongst rural areas that is passed down through families