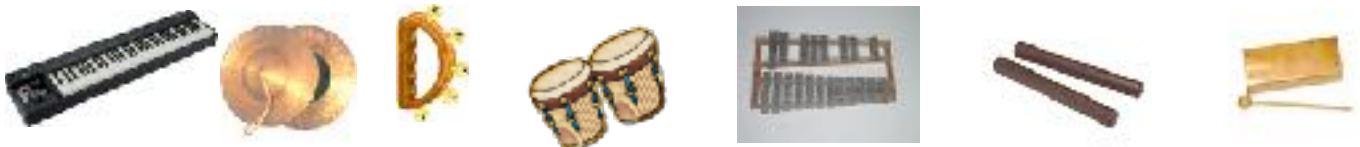


Pentatonic Music Facts

- A pentatonic scale contains 5 notes.
- Pentatonic music can be easily played by just using the black notes a keyboard.
- The word *penta* is Greek for five.
- Pentatonic music dates back thousands of years.
- Pentatonic music is most common in China, Japan, Indonesia and parts of Africa.
- Pentatonic music can also be found in traditional Scottish and Irish music (Celtic music).
- *Auld Lang Syne* (sung at New Year's Eve parties) is a pentatonic tune.
- So is *Amazing Grace*.
- Black notes fit together really well, so pentatonic music never sounds out of tune.



Good instruments to use in your composition:



Assessment	Pentatonic Music Year 8 Composition
Mastered (-5+)	You have combined several different pentatonic melodies and patterns using a wide range of instruments and keyboard sounds showing several contrasts of timbre. The timing is excellent, demonstrating very good ensemble skills. The music has a strong structure and includes musical elements such as dynamics, pitch, tempo and texture. The performance is confident and engages the listener.

Secure (-4+)	You have combined several different pentatonic melodies and patterns using a variety of instruments and keyboard. The music is in time and demonstrates good ensemble skills. Your music has a recognisable structure and includes some musical elements such as dynamics and tempo. The performance is confident.
Developing (-3+)	You have combined two or more different pentatonic melodies or patterns using a variety of instruments and keyboard. The music is in time and demonstrates mostly good ensemble skills. You have performed these with a good level of confidence.
Emerging (-2+)	You have used the pentatonic scale on a keyboard and/or instruments. The music is mostly in time and demonstrates reasonable ensemble skills. The music has been performed with some confidence.