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This term we are learning all about African drumming!



Drumming is an important part of African music.



This is a djembe drum.

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What can you remember about the djembe drum from our other music lessons earlier in the term?



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The djembe drum was invented by a tribe in West Africa and has become a key part of lots of African music.

The djembe has a versatile sound, which means it can make lots of different sounds.

You can use the palm of your hand to make some sounds, and your fingers to make others

The different sounds are slap, bass and tone

What can you remember about the djembe drum from when we had our first session a couple of weeks ago?

'Tempo' means speed, how quickly or slowly music is played

The body of the drum is carved out of a tree trunk, often from Lenge trees which are spiritually important to many African tribes.

The head of the drum is traditional made from goat skin, although modern drums are often made from synthetic materials.





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To warm up, have a go at playing some different patterns on your drum / lap / bowl etc.



Can you get someone to copy your pattern?





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When playing the djembe drum, it is important to keep a steady pulse (beat) and keep in time. You can do this by counting to yourself or singing along.





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No we're going to have a go at playing the drum along to a song, keeping a steady pulse. We are going to play along to Meliswe, a song that you might have been learning to sing this term.

Maliswe

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkkyWej1Fz4>



Pop the song on YouTube and see if you can play along!





Let's learn some African songs!

Maliswe

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Jambo

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kY0VucZrgWA>

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fK0wPpLryc4> (Translated lyrics)

Lion Sleeps Tonight  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36AX554A3ew>