

MUSIC CLIL UNIT: PITCH OF SOUND

4th CLASS

LESSON PLAN KEY-POINTS

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SOUND QUALITIES (MULTI-YEAR MUSIC MODULE)



MUSIC CLIL UNIT “PITCH OF SOUND”

TOPIC

- Pitch of Sound – ‘high’ and ‘low’ – as one of the quality of sound perception
- Correlations between pitch and properties of sounding objects (cross-curricular link to science)

TIMING

- Series of 6 lessons
- Estimated time: 5/6 hours

FOCUS OF THE LESSONS

- I. The “High and Low Game”: identifying the pitch of sounds
- II. ‘Higher’ and ‘Lower’: comparing sounds
- III. Pitch vs Loudness: sorting sounds according to their pitch and loudness
- IV. Pitch and strings: experimenting correlations (link to Science)
- V. Pitch and Glass Percussion: ranking sounds (link to Science)
- VI. Summary of Sound Qualities (Duration, Loudness, Pitch)

MAIN LEARNING OUTCOMES - CONTENT

To know...

- that sounds vary in pitch: it can be 'high' or 'low'
- that pitch (high/low) and loudness (loud/soft) define two distinct qualities of the sound
- That pitch is one of the qualities of sound (besides distance, direction, duration, loudness and timbre)

To be able...

- to identify the pitch of a sound ('high' or 'low')
- to compare sounds according to their pitch ('higher'/'lower')
- to rank sounds ('highest'-'lowest')
- to sort/classify sounds according to their pitch and loudness in a combined way

To be aware...

- that comparison between sounds is important to define their pitch
- that musical instruments are designed to produce different sound's pitches
- that everyday-objects can produce sounds of different pitches, relating to specific properties of them.

LEARNING OUTCOMES - CULTURE

To be aware...

- that in different cultural areas there are different musical instruments
- that the idea of 'musical instrument' is relative to a cultural context: even everyday-objects used creatively can become (unconventional) musical instruments



SAMBA WHISTLE –
'APITO'

<https://youtu.be/JEgXAU30yuY>



Ryka Ali Plays Aboriginal Eucalyptus Didgeridoo
Rory Martin · 1,829 views



Glass Percussion Project excerpt.mp4
Estate Miles · 1,409 views

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zYrKyvQyVkM>

LEARNING OUTCOMES

COGNITION - COMMUNICATION - LANGUAGE

COGNITION (THINKING SKILLS)



COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS



LANGUAGE STRUCTURES

- identifying the pitch of sounds – CTS 1
- giving examples of sounds according to their qualities – CTS 2
- comparing sounds according to their pitch – CTS 3
- sorting/classifying sounds (pitch and loudness) – CTS 4
- ranking sounds (pitch) – CTS 4
- inferring correlations (pitch – properties of an instrument/sounding object) – CTS 4
- predicting how the pitch of an instrument/sounding object will be altered – CTS 5

- defining sounds according to their pitch
- telling examples according to a set of qualities
- comparing sounds according to their pitch
- defining sounds according to their pitch and loudness
- describing a rank order
- expressing correlations condition-result
- predicting a future result from given conditions

- ... is + adjective: *This sound is high/low*
- 'such as...': *A low and soft sound, such as ...*
- comparative: *higher/lower*
- ...is + adjective: *This sound is high in pitch and soft in loudness*
- superlative: *from lowest to highest pitch*
- 'if' clause 1st type, present-present: *If the string gets shorter, the sound gets ...*
- 'will' prediction: *The smaller glass will produce the higher sound*

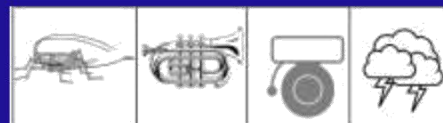
VISUAL ORGANISERS

- To understand subject features/concepts
- To [redacted] and compare



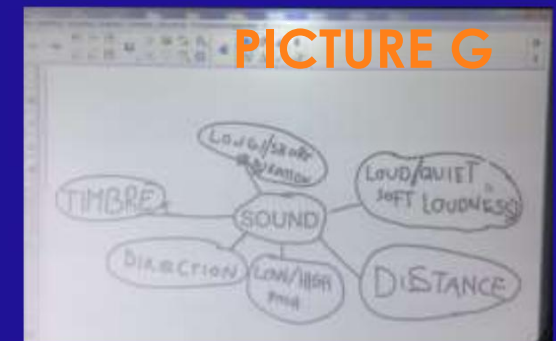
- To sort information

LOUDNESS \ PITCH	LOUDNESS	
	SOFT	LOUD
HIGH		
LOW		



QUALITIES \ SOUNDS	DURATION			LOUDNESS		PITCH	
	short	long	intermittent	soft	loud	low	high
tuba							
alarm clock							
triangle							
ship siren							
didgeridoo							
cricket							
contrabass							
school bell							
thunder							
piccolo							
bass drum							

- To recall and connect ideas



MULTI-MEDIA, GAMES, INTERACTIVE E-TOOLS



<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=KSEojtRAoHw>

Experimenting
virtually...

"The sound is high
Touch the sky
The sound is low
Touch your toe"

(Adapted from "The High and Low
Game"- The Children Music Workshop)



[HTTP://WWW.BBC.CO.UK/SCHOOLS/SCIENCECLIPS/AGES/9_10/CHANGING_SOUNDS.SHTML](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/9_10/changing_sounds.shtml)

LANGUAGE FOR THINKING PROGRESSIVELY CHALLENGING TASKS LINKS TO SCIENCE

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Predicting

OTS

Inferring correlations
from listening,
observing,
manipulating

"The larger glass will produce
the lower sound"
('will' prediction)



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Ranking

"If the string gets
shorter, the sound
gets higher"
('If' clause)



higher!"
(ve)

"From the lowest to the
highest sound's pitch"
(superlative)

