

African Music activities

Listening:

Listen to/watch these clips of African music:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2xbgk7/revision/5>

(scroll down page to watch video of singing "The Star and the Wiseman".

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03sctp7>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2xbgk7/video>

Now you have listened to some African music and seen the instruments, can you label each instrument with its correct name?

		
		djembe
		agogo bells
		talking drum
		cow bell
		shekere

Try some African drumming rhythms. You could use a hard surface or something "drum-like" (pots and pans are good!) You could even make your own drum.

Drumming rhythm 1

1	2	3	+	4	+
Right hand	Right hand	Right hand	Left hand	Right hand	Left hand
					

Drumming rhythm 2: "Bob the builder"

1 2	+	3	4
Right hand	Left hand	Right hand	Right hand
			

Now, try creating your own drumming patterns and writing them down.

We'd love to hear them - have fun!