

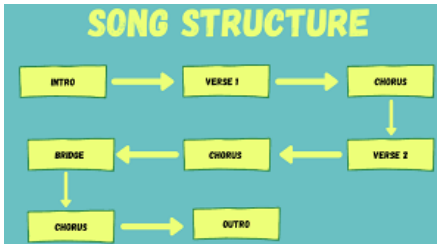


The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

During this unit you will be listening to different examples of 'old school hip-hop'. You will learn to sing 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' by Will Smith. This music was popular between 1979 and 1983 and is original form of hip-hop.

Musical Elements		Key vocabulary for this unit		Other songs which will be appraised in this unit
Timbre	The quality and character of the sound.	rap	The musical form called rap is basically rhythmic, rhyming speech. Many people call the music that rappers use hip-hop music. Rap songs often tell stories about rappers and their backgrounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Me, Myself and I by De La Soul• Ready or Not by Fugees• It's Like That by Run DMC <div></div>
Pitch	How high or low the sounds are.			
Texture	How many layers of sound there are in the music.	riff	A riff is an ostinato – a repeated melody or pattern.	
Tempo	How fast or slow the music is.	synthesizer	A musical instrument that has a keyboard like a piano, but can sound like just about any instrument in the world.	
Duration	How long or short the notes are.	scratching	When a vinyl record is moved back and forth on a turntable.	
Structure	How the sections (verses and choruses etc) of a song are ordered to make a whole piece.	improvise	To improvise is to make music up on the spot usually in response to other people.	
Dynamics	How loud or quiet the music is. Is this the same throughout the piece of music?	<div></div>		
<div></div> <p>An example of structure.</p>				