

Learning to play glockenspiel

Key cultural instrument and genre

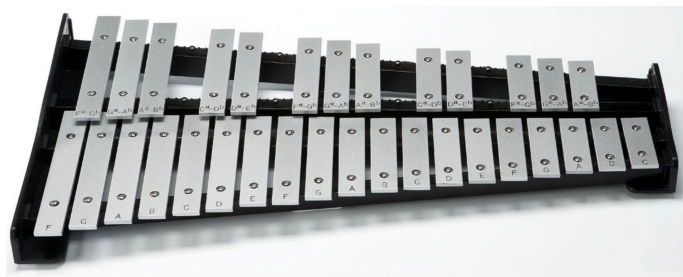
**The Indonesian gamelan**

Gamelan is the term for a traditional musical ensemble in Indonesia. It is a percussion orchestra made up of tuned gongs of various types and metal-keyed instruments. The ensemble is conducted by a drummer, and often includes voice, bamboo flute, xylophone, and stringed instruments.

[Indonesian gamelan playing](#)

**Traditional music**

Every country in the world has their own music that is known as traditional music or folk music. The origins of gamelan are ancient and mysterious. They were invented in AD230 when the king of Java Island invented a gong to summon the gods.



Key Skills

Play tuned instruments - learn to strike with beaters correctly to get the best sound.

Hit the notes accurately in the middle.

Read music from a score.

Play in time with the class.

Accompany a song on glockenspiel

Sing in tune and with expression



Key Vocabulary

<b>glockenspiel</b>	A metal tuned instrument.
<b>xylophone</b>	A wooden tuned instrument.
<b>chime bar</b>	Single notes made of metal.
<b>note</b>	A single piece of metal/wood on the instrument/a picture of a musical note.
<b>gamelan</b>	A traditional group of tuned percussion instruments from Indonesia.
<b>beater</b>	The stick to strike the glockenspiel/xylophone.
<b>minim</b>	A two beat note.
<b>crotchet</b>	A one beat note.
<b>stave</b>	Five lines for the music to sit on.
<b>pulse</b>	A steady beat.
<b>pitch</b>	How high or low notes are.
<b>rest</b>	A pause in the music, a short silent section.
<b>accompaniment</b>	Music that goes with a song.

Relevant songs

**Songs to sing and play about Florence Nightingale:**

Medication  
Florence Nightingale

**Songs to play from Charanga:**

Easy E  
Strictly D

