

Machine music unit

Composition

Grid for machine music score

Fill in this blank grid to create the score for your machine music piece.
Instructions on how to create and develop your composition are given below.

Instruments	Beat 1	Beat 2	Beat 3	Beat 4	Beat 5	Beat 6	Beat 7	Beat 8

1. Writing your score

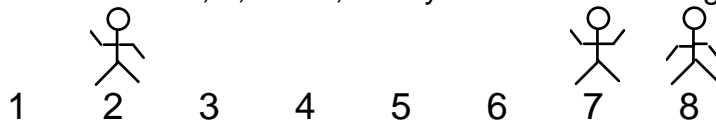
- Each person chooses a different instrument or sound.
- Write the name of your instrument/sound in the left column of the score.
- Choose three numbers and put a cross in the squares. These will be the beats on which you play – you will be silent for the other beats.
- Each person should choose different combinations of beats on which to play – e.g. 1,5,6; or 2,4,6.
- Copy the name of the instrument and beats chosen by each member of your group into your copy of the score.

2. Performing your score

- Practice counting out loud evenly to eight and playing on the beats you have chosen.
- Repeat this three times without a break while performing your piece with the others in your group – make sure you all keep the same even beat.
- Repeat three times more while counting in a whisper.
- Repeat three times again while counting silently.

3. Moving to your score

- All members of group stand in a straight line.
- Make one movement with the upper part of your body on each of your three chosen beats, and freezing for the other beats. For example: if your sound is played on beats 2, 7, and 8, then your movements might be as follows:



- Practice the movements together while counting (following the same process as for rehearsing the music), until you can all make the movements silently to and even beat.

Extension activity

Performing another score:

- Swap with a group that has the same number of people as yours and learn to play their score.
- Perform your movements while they play your music.
- Swap – you play their music while they perform their movements.