

5 Step Music Activities

PARODY SONGS

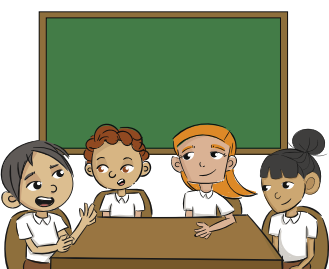
Writing a parody song is a great open ended creative activity that gets people thinking about humour and the rhythm of words.

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Listen to examples of parody songs. You can find 'parody' versions of most popular songs on Youtube, but Weird Al Yankovic is a popular example



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Discuss with the pupils what makes these parodies effective. Try to think of one-word adjectives - e.g. "Humourous", "Clever", "Strange"

03



The pupils must now make two choices. Which song to **parody** and what is the **topic** of the parody? It could be about food, sports, or normally something in popular culture

04



Put pupils into groups to brainstorm lyrics for their songs. Have them practice their works in progress in front of the class

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Finish the class with groups performing the parody along to the instrumental on **Youtube**. Just type the name of the song alongside 'karaoke'