

5 Step Music Activities

LEARNING ABOUT SYLLABLES

Syllables are the rhythm of words, and are therefore a perfect collaboration between Music and Literacy.



01

Begin by asking pupils to define rhythm and identifying places they would hear rhythm

02

Introduce the concept of syllables 'the rhythm of words'. Play 'We Will Rock You' by Queen. How many syllables in the chorus?



03

Fun activity: Ask pupils to change lyrics of their favourite songs so the syllables *don't* fit. Have them to sing them back. e.g. "We Will We Will Beat You Bad"

04

Sing the songs 'Twinkle Twinkle' and 'You Are My Sunshine'. What are the differences between syllables?



05

Pupils write their own rules about lyric composing. If they have time they could put this into their own song lyrics