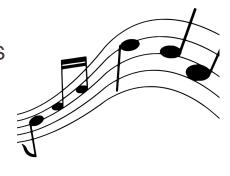
5 Step Music Activities

CONDUCTING MUSIC

Teaching children how to conduct helps give them a sense of the elements of music, specifically pulse, tempo and dynamics.

Listen to a piece of classical music that varies in dynamics. A good example of this would be Beethoven's 5th





Show the pupils a video of a conductor. Demonstrate what they do to keep the orchestra in time. As well as keeping pulse, show the pupils the following actions: Clenched fist = Stop. Raised Palm = Louder. Lower Palm = Quieter



Conduct along to the music as a class, emphasising the clouds and the quiets

Introduce other songs, allowing class members to choose to conduct to songs that they already know



Finally, the class should perform a song together, with the conductor controlling the pulse and dynamics. The music could be anything from a pop song to a nursery rhyme

