

SYNCOPTION

THE BASICS



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MAIN MENU

SYNCOPTION

WHAT IT IS

HOW IT SOUNDS

HOW IT FEELS

HOW IT LOOKS



PRE-QUIZ

POST-QUIZ

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QUESTION #1

SYNCOPTION SOUNDS LIKE _____ ON THE BEAT.

- A** FOUR SOUNDS ON A BEAT
- B** A STRESSED RHYTHM ON AN OFF-BEAT
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QUESTION #2

SYNCOPIATION FEELS LIKE _____.

- A** CLAPPING TO THE RHYTHM OF RAGTIME MUSIC
- B** TAPPING YOUR FOOT TO THE STEADY BEAT
- C** STEPPING TO A PARADE MARCH



QUESTION #3

SYNCOPIATION LOOKS LIKE ...

- A** 
- B** 
- C** 



QUESTION #4

Click the music icon to hear each example.

THE PATTERN OF  SOUNDS LIKE...

- A** MUSIC EXAMPLE 
- B** MUSIC EXAMPLE 
- C** MUSIC EXAMPLE 



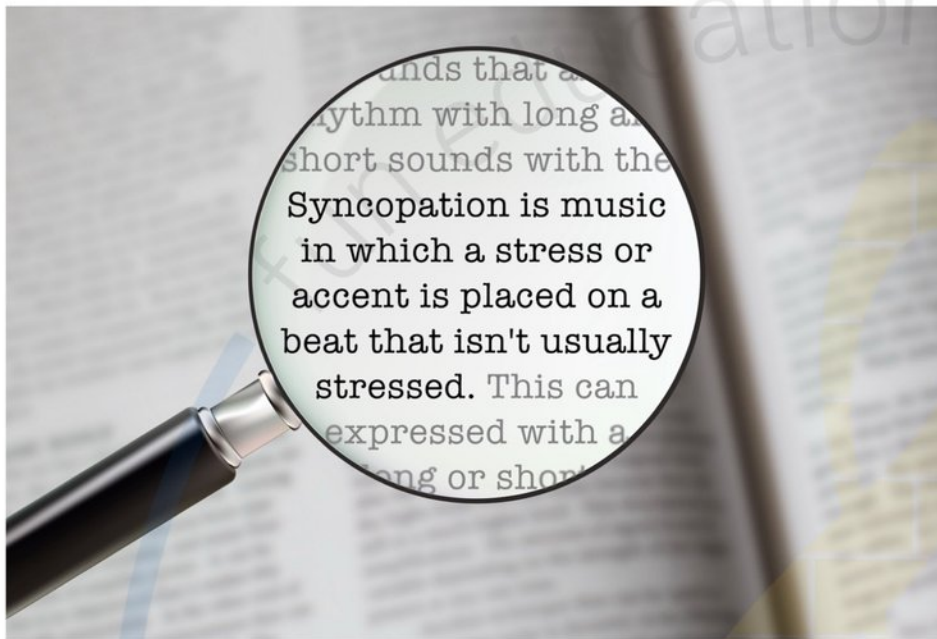
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Syncopation is music in which a stress or accent is placed on a beat that isn't usually stressed. This can be expressed with a long or short



SYNCOPATION SOUNDS LIKE



To Stop the Train

To stop the train in cases of emergency,
Pull down the chain! Pull down the chain!
Penalty for improper use, five pounds!



SYNCOPATION SOUNDS LIKE



Four White Horses

Four white horses on the river,
hey, hey, hey up tomorrow
up tomorrow is a rainy day.
Come on and join our shadow play.
shadow play is a ripe banana,
hey, hey, hey up tomorrow,
up tomorrow is a rainy day.



SYNCOPATION SOUNDS LIKE



Black Snake

Black snake, black snake, where are you hidin'?
Black snake, black snake, where are you hidin'?
Black snake, black snake, where are you hidin'?
Don't you bite me!



SYNCPATION SOUNDS LIKE

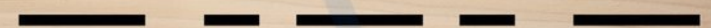


All Around the Green Apple Tree

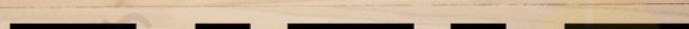
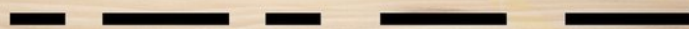
All around the green apple tree
where the grass grows so sweet,
Hey student, Hey student,
please turn your back,
they wrote you a letter
to turn back your back.



SYNCPATION SOUNDS LIKE



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SYNCOPATION FEELS LIKE

Watch the video to learn the clapping game for *Four White Horses*.

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Explore the sounds you can make with found objects.
Then, echo the rhythms you hear in the recording.



Echo Pattern #1



Echo Pattern #2



SYNCOPATION FEELS LIKE

Use rhythm instruments to echo the patterns below.



Echo Pattern #1



Echo Pattern #2



SYNCOPIATION FEELS LIKE

Sing the songs below. Then, clap the rhythm (the way the words go).

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SYNCOPIATION FEELS LIKE

Sing the song below. Then, clap the rhythm (the way the words go).

Shake the Papaya Down

Mama says no play; This is a work day. Up with the bright sun; get all the work done.
If you will help me, climb up the tall tree, Shake the papaya down.

Shake them down, shake them down, climb the tall tree, shake them down.
Shake them down, shake them down, shake the papaya down.

I love papaya, yes, I do. Juicy papaya, yes, I do.
If you will help me, I'll help you. Shake the papaya down.



SYNCOPIATION FEELS LIKE

This time, try singing in a round. Use the colored text to help guide you as you sing.

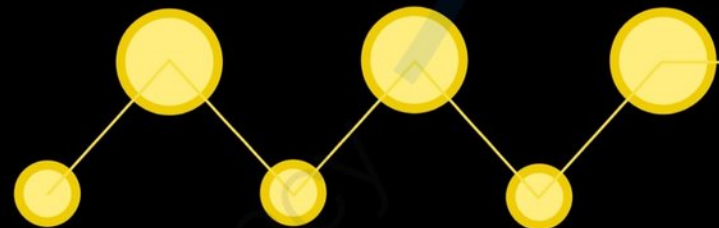
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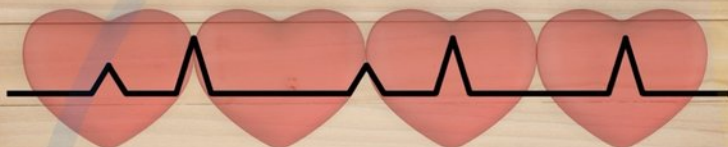
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Graphic notation, which is used to show short and long sounds.



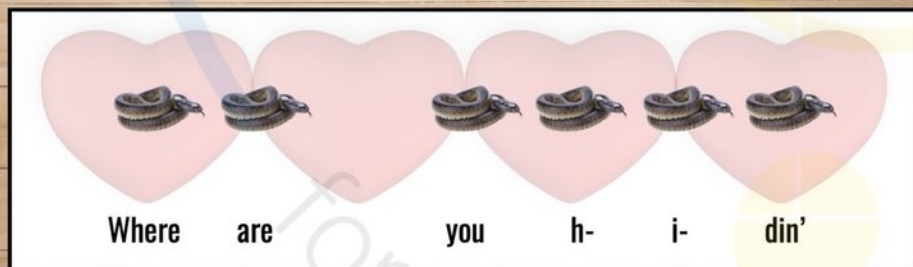
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A rhythm that's stressed on the off-beat.



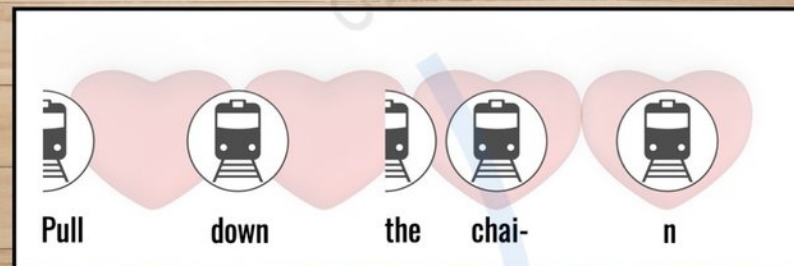
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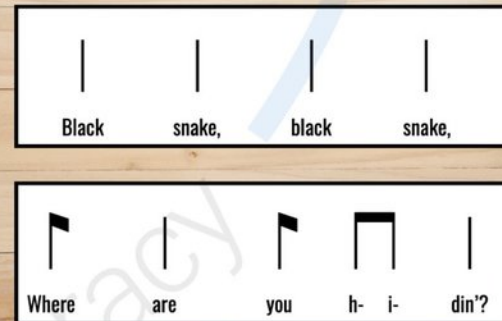
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SYNCOPIATION LOOKS LIKE

Stick notation, which shows the rhythm of the notes only, not the pitches.



SYNCOPIATION LOOKS LIKE

Standard notation, which shows both the rhythm and the pitch of each note.

All Around the Green Apple Tree



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Shake the Papaya Down



CONGA VERSUS DJEMBE

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BODY PERCUSSION

CLAP



SNAP



PAT



STOMP

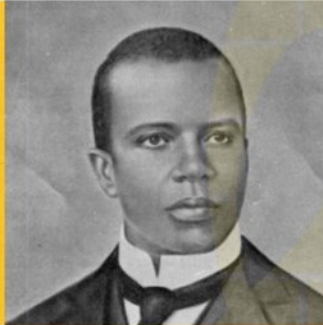


What other sounds can you make with your body? What does it look and sound like?



THE RAGTIME KING

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Scott Joplin
The Maple Leaf Rag



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STICK NOTATION

Stick notation is a type of notation that shows rhythm without noteheads. Below is an example of stick notation using popsicle sticks.



What other items or tools could you use to create stick notation?



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Click the music icon to hear each example.

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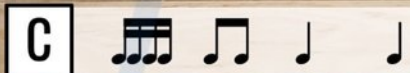
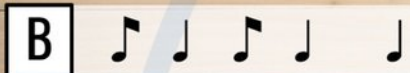
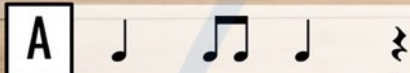
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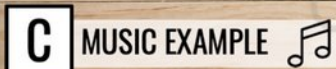
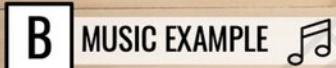
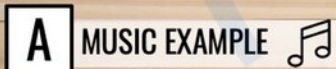
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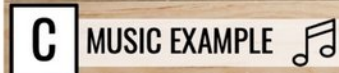
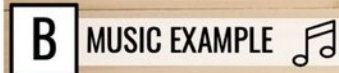
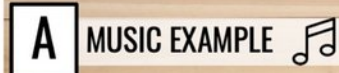
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BONUS QUESTIONS

Click on the question you chose to check your answer

A What are some differences between a congo and djembe?

B How many ragtime pieces did Joplin compose?

C What is body percussion?

D What is stick notation?



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- ☒
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ANSWER #4

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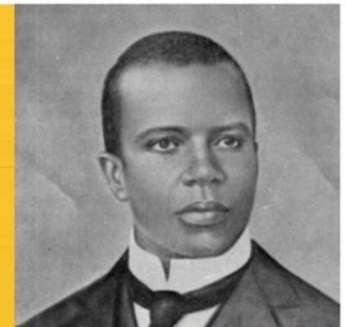
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He also composed songs, waltzes, and two operas. His music regained popularity in the 1970's, and he was posthumously awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his contributions to American music.



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