

Steps through Learning Music : Traditional instruments and improvisation

Vocabulary that I will learn and use during this unit of work

Bollywood drone dynamics
notation rag
Sitar tabla tanpura
tala tempo

Sticky knowledge about

- Main indian instruments are: **sitar**, **tabla**, **indian flute**.
- Indian music is composed using a **tala** (a repeated rhythm on an untuned instrument) and a **rag** (the tune/notes played in a specific order)
- A drone is one note played over and over again in the background

Musical style: Music and instruments from India



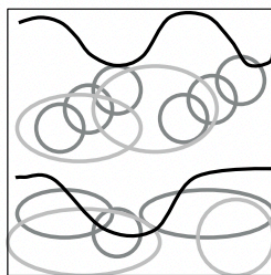
Instruments



Notation

The way that music is written so that others can play it.

Graphic score



Stave and letter notation



Musical notation helps us to 'write' and 'read' the melodies so they won't be forgotten and can be played by others.

Bollywood

Indian films that involve singing and dancing, similar to a musical.

Tal

A repeated rhythm played over and over on the tabla.

Rag

A series of notes which Indian music uses to create the tune.

Drone

A long held note usually played on the Tanpura.

Improvising

Making up music as it is played or performed.