Percussion: Recipe

Method

Instruments – Label each row on your grid with the percussion instruments which are available for use.



Rhythm – Choose one instrument. Shade where you want that instrument to play by filling in the circles in a pattern:

If you want two half-beats, add a dot on either side of the circle.

If you want quarter-beats, put four dots across the circle.

To indicate a short, long and then a short rhythm, put a dot on each side of the circle, and a short line between them.



For triplets, use three dots in the circle and write '3' above.

) If the instrument can play two notes or sounds (eg twotone blocks, congas, bongos, timbales, etc) then shade at the top or bottom of the circle for the higher and lower pitch.

If a note rings on (eg a gong or tam-tam) then tie the circles together to show the note sustaining.

If an instrument can 'roll' then add 'tr' above the shaded note or notes. Score – Copy the parts from the other members of your group so that you can see what each instrument is going to play.



Practise – Practise your own part on the instrument you have chosen. Then play together with your group.



Development – To compose new sections, use new grid sheets. You may wish to add dynamics and consider the tempo of the music. Fill in this information on your grid.



You can also write out the music as traditional notation, if you wish, using the staves provided on the grid.