

# Music Knowledge Organiser – Year 5 – Djembe Drumming

## Vocabulary

<b>Rhythm</b>	The pattern of long and short sounds as you move through the song.
<b>Pulse</b>	A steady beat like a ticking clock or your heartbeat. It can be measured in time by counting the number of beats per minute (BPM).
<b>Dynamics</b>	How quietly or loudly a piece of music should be played.
<b>Tempo</b>	The speed at which a piece of music should be played.
<b>Improvise</b>	The creative activity of immediate ("in the moment") musical composition
<b>Texture</b>	Describes how layers of sound within a piece of music interact
<b>Aural Skills</b>	A music theory study in which musicians learn to identify pitches, intervals, melody, chords, rhythms and other basic elements of music, solely by hearing.
<b>Perform</b>	The act of presenting a play or a piece of music or other entertainment.
<b>Notation</b>	Any system used to visually represent aurally perceived music played with instruments

## Key Facts:

Djembe Drumming is named after the type of drum ! They look like this



It originated in West Africa

According to the Bambara people in Mali, the name of the djembe comes from the saying "Anke djé, anke bé" which translates to "everyone gather together in peace" and defines the drum's purpose.

The weight of a djembe ranges from 5 kg to 13 kg (11–29 lb) and depends on size and shell material.

The drum is very loud, allowing it to be heard clearly as a solo instrument over a large percussion ensemble.

## Recommended Listening

Djembe Solo by Master Drummer: M'Bemba Bangoura

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FM3LTtgwY8>

Five(ish) Minute Drum Lesson - African Drumming: Lesson 1: The Djembe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5U8md4rZS8>