

Music Knowledge Organiser – Year 6 – Ukulele

Vocabulary	
Rhythm	The pattern of long and short sounds as you move through the song.
Pulse	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).
Dynamics	How quietly or loudly a piece of music should be played.
Tempo	The speed at which a piece of music should be played.
Improvise	The creative activity of immediate ("in the moment") musical composition
Texture	describes how layers of sound within a piece of music interact
Arranging	A musical reconceptualization of a previously composed work
Perform	The act of presenting a play or a piece of music or other entertainment.
Tab	A system of musical notation based on a player's finger position
Appraising	Assessing the value and quality of music

Key Facts:

The ukulele is a small, guitar-like instrument, which was introduced to Hawaii by Portuguese immigrants from Madeira.



Ukuleles commonly come in four sizes: soprano, concert, tenor, and baritone.

The Ukulele is a nylon stringed instrument usually played with the bare thumb and/or fingertips, or a felt pick)

In Hawaii the name roughly translates to "jumping flea"

Recommended Listening

Maui Medley "LIVE" Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wS3h9S1cOE>

Carmen / Phantom of the Opera on Ukulele
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMfhyMlBw40>