

Music Knowledge Organiser Y5/6 – Happy



Key Vocabulary	
Melody	Another name for tune.
Compose	Creating and developing musical ideas and ‘fixing’ them.
Improvise	To make up a tune and play it on the spot.
Cover	A version of a song performed by someone other than the original artist.
Pulse	The regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat.
Rhythm	Long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.
Pitch	High and low sounds.
Tempo	The speed of the music; fast or slow or in-between.
Dynamics	How loud or quiet the music is.
Timbre	A musical dimension that describes the quality and character of the sound of the instruments used.
Structure	Every piece of music has a structure e.g. an introduction, verse and chorus ending.
Producer	A record producer or music producer oversees and manages the sound recording and production of a band or performer's music
Groove	The rhythmic part of the music that makes you want to move and dance.
Hook	A term used in Pop music to describe a short catchy phrase or riff that we can't stop singing; the bit that 'hooks' us in; the main musical idea from a song that we remember.
Riff	A short repeated phrase, often played on a lead instrument such as guitar, piano or saxophone.
Solo	An Italian word to describe playing, singing or performing of one person or on our own.



Pharrell Williams is an American rapper, singer, songwriter, record producer, fashion designer, and entrepreneur. Alongside close colleague Chad Hugo, he formed the hip hop and R&B production duo The Neptunes in the early 1990s, with whom he has produced songs for various recording artists.

Happy is a song written, produced and performed by **Pharrell Williams**. Happy is a Pop song that has a **soul** music sound and **groove** from the 1960s; very much like a **Motown** song.

Motown is a 1960s label created from Soul music characterised by a rhythm section playing, laying down the **groove** with a funky bassline and a tambourine sounding over the top. Often brass sections play punchy **riff-based** rhythms and sometimes violins playing long high notes.

- Key knowledge**
- To listen for style indicators, voices and instruments in the song *Happy*
 - To describe the structure and musical dimensions of the song *Happy*
 - To play and copy back using notes A, G and B
 - To sing in 2 parts
 - To play instrumental parts with the song by ear or from notation
 - To **improvise** using notes A, G and B
 - To **compose** a simple rhythmic melody using notes A, G and B or C, E G, A and B
 - To perform to an audience

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