

## Time for Music – 4 : Y5 & 6

### Listen Up!

Welcome again to Time For Music.

Have a listen to this piece of music by John Adams. It is called *Short Ride In A Fast Machine*.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/KS2-3/zkthsrd>

Can you hear the wood block playing the pulse?



The wood block is found in the percussion family of an orchestra. It can make short, loud sounds. This makes it really good for keeping the pulse in an orchestra because everyone can hear it!

Can you remember the other families of the orchestra?

Can you name any of the instruments?

This link will show you who goes where!  
Click on the names to hear how they sound.

<https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments>

#### Key Words:

**Minimalism** - an arts movement from the 1960's  
**Tempo** - the speed of the piece of music

### Let's Get Creative!

#### Time to get minimal!

We need to create the short, repeating phrases that will be layered over each other.  
Have a look at this clip for a bit of inspiration.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vZ5mlfZlgk>

You need to start by counting 1,2,3,4 1,2,3,4 in your head. This is the pulse.

Try tapping *Ta Ta Ta Ta* along to the pulse.

Next, try *Ti-Ti, Ti-Ti, Ti-Ti, Ti-Ti* You will see that you are clapping twice as fast!

Ta has one sound so I'm going to write a symbol like this 

Ti - Ti has two sounds so its symbol will look like this 

Let's Mix them up to make some rhythms, working in fours.



This says *Ti-Ti Ti-Ti Ta Ta*

See how many different rhythms you can compose working in fours using Ta and Ti-Ti. Try to use the symbols to write them down.

Find objects that make sounds of short duration to play them on.

## Explore

**Minimalism was a whole movement that included music and art too.  
It became very popular in the 1960's.**

Minimalism uses repetition. In music, it can be rhythms played over and over again, changing gradually to make a hypnotic effect.

In art, Minimalism uses simple shapes, like triangles and squares. Sometimes their work was just in black and white and sometimes in bright colours.

This is a picture called **Hyena Stomp**.  
It is by the minimalist artist **Frank Stella**. Check out more of his work and the work of other artists by following this link.  
<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/m/minimalism>



**So then, why not try it for yourself?  
See if you can create a picture based on the work  
of  
Frank Stella.**

**Make it as big as you can, the original is nearly two metres square!  
You will need something with a straight edge like a ruler and something circular to draw around.**

**Or try creating it on a computer  
or tablet as I have done.**



## Extra fun

**What kind of machine does this music make you think of?  
How about this?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHj9cG-sSc>

**Why not design your  
own roller coaster?**

**What is its name?  
What shape is the track?  
What colours are you  
going to use for the  
cars?**

**Is it made out of wood  
or metal?**

**Does it have fire or  
water?**

