

Listen Up!

Watch and listen to

Mars by Gustav Holst.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02b14ld>



Holst is a **composer** which is somebody who writes music. The composer is often **telling a story** in the music. This story is all about the planet, Mars.

LISTEN more than once and ask yourself these questions as you listen.

1. Does Mars sound big or small?
2. Does Mars sound happy, tired or angry?
3. What is happening on Mars?
4. What can you see on Mars?

Explore!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2kTeUxIQsA>

Lots of percussion is used in Mars.

Percussion instruments

are things that you **hit** or **shake** to make a sound.

1. **Watch the orchestra play Mars again**
2. Can you find any percussion instruments?
3. Can you name any of the percussion instruments?

Let's Get Creative!



MAKE YOUR OWN DRUM to MARCH ON MARS

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Drums-for-Kids>

If you don't want to make your own drums, what about plastic buckets or saucepans and a wooden spoon, or some of your storage boxes?

1. **Listen to Mars by Gustav Holst** again.
2. **Stamp your feet** in time with the music.
3. **Hit your drum** in time with the music.
4. **March on Mars** in time with the music.
5. **Play your drum and march on Mars** in time with the music.

Extra fun!

'The Boy and the Drum'



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/ztyhfg8>

An old man is trying to get to sleep but the boy next door won't stop playing his drum. So the man asks for help from three different people. Will they be able to help him or will he have to move out so he can get a good sleep?

1. Can you re-tell this story?
2. You can use the drum you made to help re-tell the story.
3. Can you make up your own story about a drum?