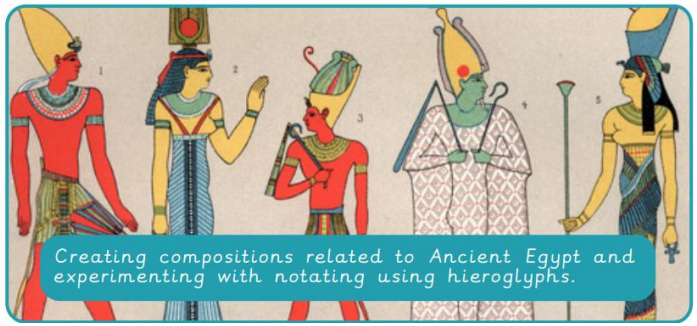
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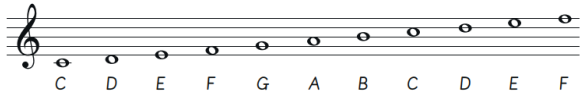


Notation

Staff notation

Quaver	𝅘𝅥𝅯	Half	½	◖
Crotchet	𝅘𝅥	One	1	●
Minim	𝅗𝅥	Two	2	●●
Dotted minim	𝅗𝅥.	Three	3	●●●
Semibreve	𝅝	Four	4	●●●●

Letter notation



Vocabulary

Melody	The combination of pitch and rhythm which forms a tune
Improvising	Making up music as it played or performed
Notation	Written symbols to represent music
Motif	A short musical phrase that is often repeated
Call and response	A musical technique similar to a conversation. One 'calls' the other 'answers.
Unison	Playing or singing notes at the same pitch at the same time
Verse	A repeated section of a song that features new lyrics on each verse
Structure	The overall organisation of a piece of music
Major	A tonality where the music sounds happy or bright
Minor	A tonality where the music sound sad or tense
Ensemble	A group of people who perform instrumental or vocal music