



Music

We have been looking at rhythm last term. Clapping rhythms mainly in four time. Although most popular songs do have four beats in a bar, music can also have three beats in a bar. Music in 3 has a dance-like quality to it partly because the ballroom dance 'The Waltz' is in 3 time

[\(124\) Maisie and Gorka Viennese Waltz to A Thousand Years](#)  [Week 8 Semi-final](#)  [BBC Strictly 2020 - YouTube](#). This is a very fast three beats in a bar.

This is a much slower three beats in a bar. See if you can regularly count 1,2,3,1,2,3,1,2,3. Absolutely regular, very much like a heart beat (which is why it is often referred to as a pulse).

[\(124\) Abbey Clancy & Aljaz Skorjanec Waltz to 'Kissing You' - Strictly Come Dancing 2013 Week 1 - BBC One - YouTube](#)

Other songs in 3 are

Kelly Clarkson – Breakaway.

Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds – Beatles

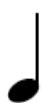
The Times They are a-changing - Bob Dylan (same artist as 'Mr. Tambourine Man'. Mr. Wheatley's choice)

Kashmir – Led Zeppelin (Same artist as 'Since I've Been Loving You' Mr. Wheeler's choice)

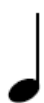
See if you can clap these rhythms:



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3



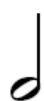
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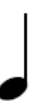


3 and



1

2 (no clap here)



3



1 and



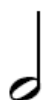
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3



1 and



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3 (no clap)

Here are the answers: Double click on the icon



answers to clapping to three beat rhythms.mp3

How did you get on?

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Learn and perform Cuban rhythms inspired by Bernstein's 'Mambo'...

Learn Cuban rhythms, create a kitchen percussion section and perform along to the lively 'Mambo' from 'West Side Story' with percussionist Stephen Whibley from the **BBC Concert Orchestra**.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/ten-pieces-at-home/zjy3382>

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Then...

Join BBC Concert Orchestra percussionist Stephen Whibley as he shows you how to create a Cuban Mambo in your kitchen!