

Knowledge Organiser Subject: Music Topic Happy





- Happy is a song written, produced and performed by the American singer and producer Pharrell Williams. It is also featured in the film, Despicable Me 2. Happy is from Pharrell's second album, Girl (2014).
- Happy is a Pop song that has a Soul music sound and groove from the 1960s, very much like a Motown song (see Dancing In The Street Unit of Work). A 24-hour video was made to accompany the song showing people dancing and being generally happy!
- Happy was the most successful song of 2014.

In addition to listening and appraising 'Happy', we will also discuss other songs in different styles:

- Top Of The World sung by The Carpenters
- Don't Worry, Be Happy sung by Bobby McFerrin
- Walking On Sunshine sung by Katrina And The Waves
- When You're Smiling sung by Frank Sinatra
- Love Will Save The Day sung by Brendan Reilly

Key questions will include:

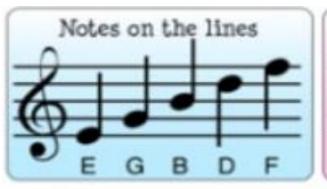
What style indicators can you hear? Describe the structure? What instruments/voices you can hear? Describe the musical dimensions?

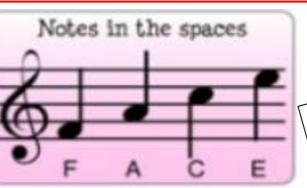
Key vocabulary	Definition
Melody	A sequence of single notes that is musically satisfying; a tune.
Riff	A short, repeated phrase in popular music and jazz, typically used as an introduction or refrain in a song.
Interval	A difference in pitch between two sounds.
Style indicators.	musical characteri stics that give the songs their sty le e.g. pop, soul, hip hop.
Musical dimensions	Rhythm, Melody, Harmony, Timbre, Dynamics, Texture, and Form

Count-in: 1 2 3 4, 2 2 3 4









We will be reading music and We will be reading music and identify where the notes A, G and B are on the sheet music.

