

# Songwriting



LO: To compose a song for a given purpose

LO: To compose the lyrics for a charity song

Our new topic is songwriting and at this time of year, we usually work towards Children in Need as a charity to fundraise for in school.

Last Friday was Children in Need and a song is often chosen or written to help to raise money and to raise the profile of the charity in people's minds.



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If we are going to compose a song, we need to think of what to include.

What do we need in a song?

Talk with a partner...



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So... what did you come up with?

- Catchy lyrics with a message
- A melody
- An accompaniment



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Now let's get some ideas by looking at songs that have been used in the past:



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What did you like about the songs?

Which part was the 'catchy' bit?

What was the message?



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Task:

With a partner, write some lyrics for a charity song.

1. Choose a charity (it doesn't have to be Children in Need)
2. What is your message?
3. Write at least 2 verses and a chorus in your GNB

Each verse or chorus should be at least 2 lines Long. It doesn't have to rhyme, but it would make it more 'catchy'.



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Can you tell the class your charity and your chorus?

On lined paper, neatly write up your lyrics.

Remember to give your song a title - often this is either the first line of words or a line from the chorus.



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If you finish, you could start the cover for your song.

Remember to put:

- The title
- The composers' names (your name and your partner's name)
- The charity (and maybe charity logo?)



LO: To perform a song as part of a group

**Lyrics: RAP or sing?**

**Keyboard rhythm?**

**Melody: Keyboard, xylophone or metallophone?**

**Accompaniment: An ostinato (repeated pattern) that goes with your song.**