

Dogwood Composition: The Virtual School Song Project

We will learn how to compose music together.

We will also learn about brass instruments.

We will then write music for the brass players to play for us.

Who is a composer?

A composer is someone who writes new music

A composer's new piece of music is called a **composition**.

New music can use any instrument combination.

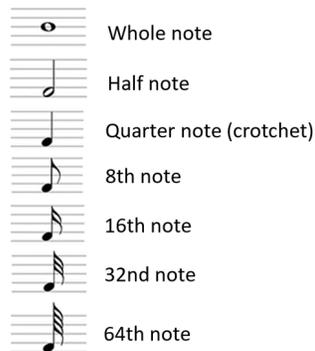
Anyone can be a composer!



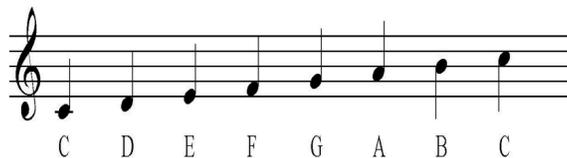
How do composers write melodies?

Composers use **rhythm** and **scales** to write music.

Rhythm: How quickly or slowly notes are played.



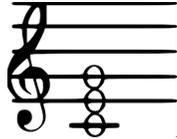
Scales: How high or low notes are played



What is harmony?

Harmony is when two (or more) notes are played at the same time.

Harmony can sound very beautiful when the notes go well together.

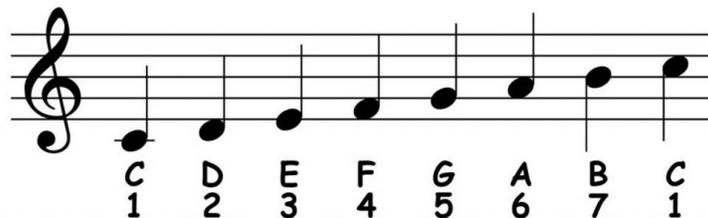


Harmony: Which notes go together?

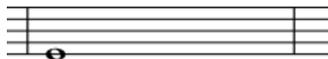
Harmony is made when **alternating** notes are played together. If we made our scale into a list of numbers, even numbers go together and odd numbers go together (using 1-6).

Even: 246 (What note goes well with 2? 4 or 6)

Odd: 135 (What note goes well with 1? 3 or 5)



This harmony has two instruments playing. One is playing E (3) and one is playing G (5)



What is a Cadence?

A **cadence** is a part of the melody made of two notes.

Cadences are used to mark important parts of music.

Cadences are used to show the middle and end of music.

Cadences are like punctuation in sentences!

I love to compose music, even when I am feeling tired.

Half Cadence: Comma. This Cadence shows the middle of the music, but is not the end.

To make a Half Cadence, we use the following notes from our scale: **1-5**



Final Cadence: Period. This Cadence shows the end of the music.

To make a Final Cadence, we use the following notes from our scale: **5-1**



Do you have any questions? Email me!
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