

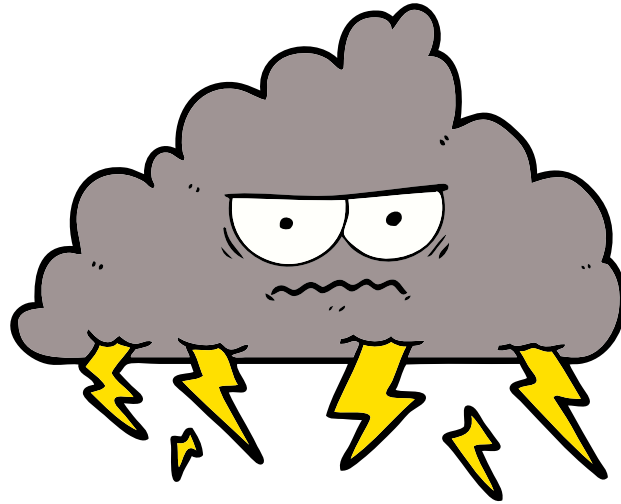


LET'S WRITE SOME *Songs*

A 10 Step Guide for KIDS!

STEP ONE

BRAIN STORM



Here you can write about ANYTHING! How was your day at school? Who is your best friend? Why are they your best friend? What's your favourite season? Why? Keep Going!



TIP TIME: There is something called "Stream of Consciousness". This is fancy talk for writing the FIRST thing that comes to your head, without editing or thinking about it!

STEP TWO

CHOOSE A TOPIC



Look back on your brainstorming - what was the easiest topic to write about? It helps choosing a topic that you have a lot to say about!

Write your Topic Here!



TA-DA! Our topic may shift a little as we go, but let's move on to the next page to write out everything we can on this subject, and see where it takes us!

STEP THREE

DIVE IN!



Now that we have a topic, we want to write as much as we can about it! Let's go through the five senses, and use each of them to tell more about our topic!

Sight Words

E.g. Colours, describing what a place or person looks like



Taste Words

E.g. Bitter, sour, sweet - can be describing an actual taste, or a feeling.



Smell Words

E.g. Describe smell after rain, smell of a person, strong, musky, etc



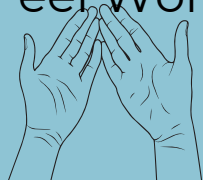
Sound Words

E.g. What someone said, the emotion in their voice, what stepping on leaves sounds like. words like "loud, shrill, etc.



Feel Words

E.g. Actual touch, like soft, bumpy, what petting a dog feels like, or inside feelings, like warm, happy, heavy, butterflies, etc



TIP TIME: You can mix up the senses for more interesting songwriting! Bitter is a taste word, but it can also be a feeling. Sour is a taste word but it can also be an attitude. Loud is a sound word but it can also describe a bright colour, like a sight word!

STEP FOUR

WORD SEARCH



AWESOME!

Pick your favourite words from the previous page - Let's Rhyme them!

Favourite Word

Fresh

Warm

Words that sound similar

Mess, Catch, Less, Flesh, Stretch

Form, Sworn, Chord, Sore



TIP TIME: Rhymes don't have to be a perfect match, like dog and fog, or red and led. A rhyme in a song can just have vowel sounds that sound alike!
Give it a try!

Favourite Word

Words that sound similar

STEP FIVE

RHYME TIME



There is something called a rhyme scheme. This helps us organize our rhymes into a pattern that will fit a song! Pick your favourite word and a rhyme word, and structure it like so:

a

The wolf, as you can **tell**

b

Gave a mighty **blow**

a

And as the straw house **fell**

b

He said, "Oh , look at it **go!**"

You get to choose the rhyme scheme you want!

E.g. aabb OR ababc ababc

We get to match the rhyme up with the rhyme scheme letter!

Rhyme scheme
letters



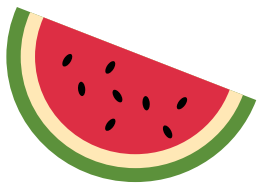
Rhyming words go
at the end of the
phrase

This section will be called your **CHORUS**. Your **CHORUS** is the main idea of the song - more to come on this later!

SILLY-SYLLABLES



What are syllables?



WA-TER-MEL-ON



DO-NUT



HAM-BUR-GER



We try to match the syllables in our phrases, to make it flow like a song!

a

The wolf, as you can tell



b

He gave a mighty blow



a

And as the straw house fell



b

He said, "Oh, look at it go!"



Take a look at your chorus in the previous page - can we add or take away words to match up our syllables better?

Make any changes here



STEP SEVEN

STORY TIME



You've just created a chorus!
Now, what do we do next?

There is something called Strophic Form. This is how most pop songs are written! It goes like this:

Verse
Chorus
Verse
Chorus

Now, what would you like to say before your chorus?
What's a good way to lead into it and set it up? Write the main idea in the puzzle piece below!

Write your chorus main idea in the puzzle piece below!

Verse 1

Chorus

Eg. If my chorus is about how much I love my mom, maybe my verse can be about describing her, or a memory that involves her!

Now that you've found your main idea for your verse, go back to STEP ONE to create your verse lyrics!

STEP EIGHT

TIME TO SING!



By now you have a
verse and a chorus!

That is enough to find a
melody!

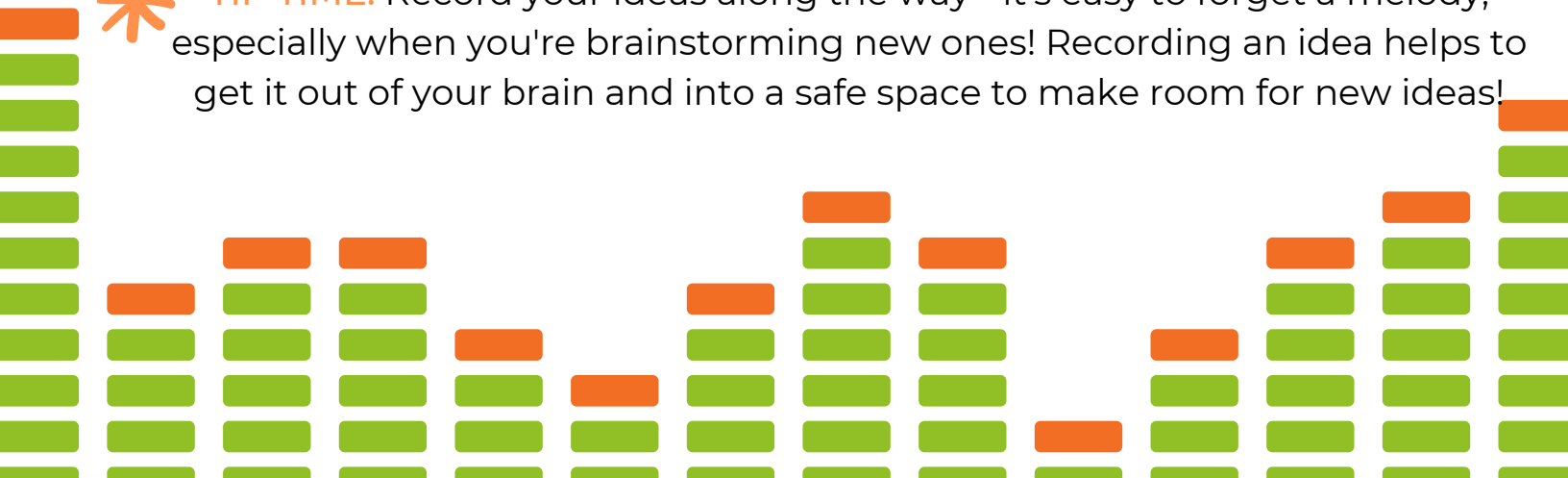
There are many ways to create the tune of a song - but to start, let's
take our words and play around with them! Free sing, and see what
comes out!

Here's a trick:

Stuck for a melody? Pick out 3-5 keys on a
piano. Play around with the pattern of these
keys - both the rhythm, and the order of
playing them. If you hear something you like,
use that to kick-start your melody! See how the
words fit with that tune!



TIP TIME: Record your ideas along the way - it's easy to forget a melody,
especially when you're brainstorming new ones! Recording an idea helps to
get it out of your brain and into a safe space to make room for new ideas!



STEP NINE

HOME STRETCH



MY VERSE 1
MAIN IDEA
WAS:



MY CHORUS
MAIN IDEA
WAS:



MY VERSE 2
MAIN IDEA
WILL BE:

LOADING ...



TIP TIME: You can use verse two to 'clean up the scraps'. What ideas did you brainstorm that haven't made it into the song yet?

My verse 2 ideas:

**Refer back to previous steps for structural help as needed!*

STEP TEN

POLISH IT UP

YOU'VE GOT A SONG!



Write out the whole thing, tip to tail, on one sheet of paper.

Now it's time to checklist:



1

Did I say what I wanted to say?



2

Am I happy with how it sounds?



3

Is there anything I want to add?



For the final touch - see if your teacher can accompany you on an instrument!

Now you have a full song! You did it!





CERTIFICATE OF SONGWRITING



This document confirms that

is an absolute super star and has written
a hit song!

