

Music genres – Vocabulary

Jazz: A kind of music that originated with African American bands in the southern United States, characterized by **improvisation** and strong, flexible **rhythm**.

Classical: It originated in the second half of the eighteenth century in Europe; music of acknowledged excellence and serious style. Classical music is often performed by the city's symphony orchestra.

Rap: A currently popular style of music that originated among African American **performers**, characterized by **talking**, rather than **singing**, in **rhyme** and rhythm. Rap is for **listening**, not dancing.

Rhythm and blues: A style of music with strong, simple rhythm and **lyrics** that originated in the late 1940s and early 1950s among African American groups. Rhythm and blues is great for swing **dancing**.

Rock and roll: A style of music that began in the 1950s and combined elements of rhythm and blues and country. It's played by bands with **electric guitars, keyboards, and drums**, often with emotional singing by a group or one singer. Rock concerts are very popular among young people.

Read the text and match these pictures with the words in bold.

Symbol	Name	Number per measure (only)	Beat
	whole note	1 per measure	4
	half note	2 per measure	2
	quarter note	4 per measure	1
	eighth note	8 per measure	1/2
	sixteenth note	16 per measure	1/4



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