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POLYRHYTHMS AND OSTINATOS

A **Polyrhythm** is the simultaneous use of two or more rhythms. That means that one person or a group are playing different rhythms at the same time, for example:

Group 1

Group 2

Repeating bar

Group 1 always plays the blue part and the Group 2 the green part.

At the end of the rhythm there is a repeating bar which means that each group will constantly repeat its rhythm. This constant repetition of a rhythm is called **Ostinato**.

Activities

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Relate the definition with their name:

- Constant repetition of a rhythm
 - Two or more rhythms played at the same time.
 - End bar with two dots
- Polyrhythm
 - Repeating bar
 - Ostinato

How many times is this polyrhythm repeated (ostinato)?

Group 1

Group 2

1 2 3

3 R

Relate with arrows the audio with the right rhythm:

The first staff shows a sequence of notes: a quarter note, two eighth notes, a quarter note, four sixteenth notes, a quarter rest, and a quarter note.

The second staff shows a sequence of notes: two eighth notes, a quarter note, four sixteenth notes, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter rest.

The third staff shows a sequence of notes: a quarter rest, two eighth notes, a quarter note, a half note, four sixteenth notes, and a quarter note.