



LO: Learning how to write a melody

1. Follow this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3dqhyc/articles/z7n2qp3>

You had a break from writing your song last week, but following on the lesson two weeks ago, this takes you to the BBC bitesize music lesson on how to write melodies.

You will:

- Learn about the different types of melodies in music.
- Find out about how Ed Sheeran, Lewis Capaldi, Dizzee Rascal and Camila Cabello use melodies in their music.
- Write your own melody by following some simple steps.

2. **Watch the first video** of Ben and Sarah writing their own melody.

UNDERSTANDING MELODIES

A **melody** is the main tune in any piece of music and can be sung or played by any instrument. Melodies are often **catchy and repeated**. Very short melodic ideas that are repeated are sometimes called riffs.

Melodies are a sequence of notes. They use **different pitches and rhythms**. They usually contain a balance of repetition and variety.

A simple melody will use only notes from the key that a piece is in. **A key is a set of notes that work well together.**

Melodies are often broken up into sections called phrases. Phrases are like sentences put together to form a verse or chorus. These phrases are repeated and modified.

3. **Watch the video** 'Playing a C Major Scale'

4. Have a go at writing a melody using the C Major Scale

- Using only the notes from the video have a go at writing your own melody.
- This can be done on any instrument you have at home
- If you don't have an instrument at home try using this virtual piano:
<https://www.onlinepianist.com/virtual-piano>
- Keep it simple
- Once you have a melody you are happy with get a video or a sound recording of it

Send your finished work to: tstarks@bower-grove.kent.sch.uk