

Pentatonic Songs from Around the World: Exploring Pentatonic Scales



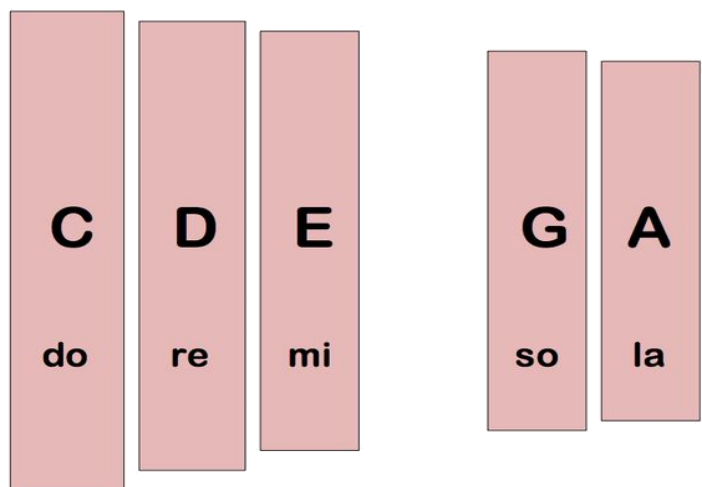
Pentatonic means *five notes*.

A pentatonic scale is a scale (or a sequence) with five notes.

A pentatonic song is a song that only uses five notes in the singing of the melody.

Lots of songs from all around the world use pentatonic scales, ranging from nursery rhymes to traditional Chinese melodies to rock guitar solos.

C Major Pentatonic Scale



Our Listening



Swing Low,
Sweet Chariot



Oh! Susannah!



This Train is Bound
for Glory

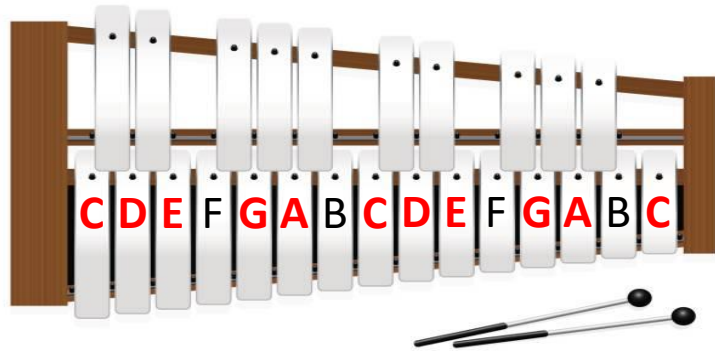


Fisherman's Song
at Dusk



Let It Be by the
Beatles

The Glockenspiel



Pitch



Pitch is how high or low a sound is.

Smaller instruments tend to have a higher pitch.

Larger instruments tend to have a lower pitch.

Pulse and Rhythm



Pulse is the heartbeat of the music.



Rhythm is when long and short notes are joined together.

Musical Notes



Crotchet =
1 beat



Crotchet rest =
1 beat of
silence



Minim = 2
beats



Semibreve
= 4 beats



1 quaver = $\frac{1}{2}$ beat
2 quavers = 1 full beat



Quaver rest = $\frac{1}{2}$
beat of silence

Dot Notation

Dot notation is a way of writing music without using standard musical notation. It is a cross between a graphic score which uses pictures and standard musical notation.

