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BIG BANG

Festival Kit



**Fun ideas to
activate your
musical imagination!**

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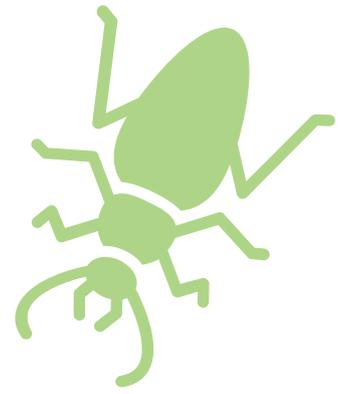
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Name that animal!

Have a listen to the BIG BANG music video *Jungle Life* from *Nomad*:
Invented here: www.ark.ie/events/view/bb21-nomad-invented

How many animals can you hear in the music? Circle the ones you hear below:



Lion Beetle

Wood pecker

Mouse

Cheetah

Elephant

Frog Bird

Eagle Spider

Alligator

Thirsty chick

Lion

Rattlesnake



Do you hear any animals that are not on this list? If so write them down too.

Now choose your favourite animal and draw it in the space below!

You could even combine it with a musical instrument - like how the BIG BANG seahorse is also half French Horn!

The instrument part of your music animal could be any instrument you think would make a sound that reminds you of that animal. Or it could simply be an instrument that you like or a new one that you can imagine.

My Musical Animal is _____

Invent your own instrument and sound in four easy steps!

Step 1

Find a new sound from objects you have at home. Make up a name for the instrument you've just invented.

My invented instrument is called:

Step 2

What do you want to call your sound? Give it a name.

My invented instrument makes a sound called:

Step 3

What does your sound "sound" like? It could sound like a word such as whoosh, plop, meow. Or maybe it sounds like a cat purring, a cow mooing or the wind in the trees. It's up to you!

Write down what your sound "sounds" like:

Step 4

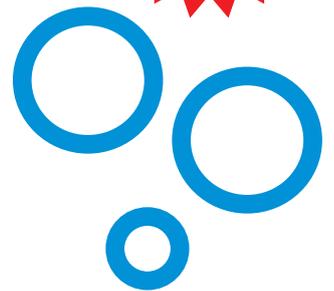
How would you draw that sound? Draw a symbol or image that is like the sound of your instrument if it was a picture. So for example, if your sound is smooth and goes up and down, it could look like waves, like this:



Draw what your sound "looks" like here:

TIP: Almost EVERYTHING in your home makes a sound so try knocking, hitting, scraping, scrubbing, brushing, blowing anything you see.

BOP!



DING

WHOOOOSH



Decode my Music!

Step 1

Find five or more items around your home that make a noise.

Step 2

Invent a symbol for each object (instrument) – just like you did in the previous activity.

Step 3

Write out symbols in whatever order you like in the chart below to create your very own piece of music.

Step 4

Give your piece a name.

Step 5

Send your piece to a friend with the symbol chart for your music and see if they can decode your music with their own objects from their home.

My piece of music is called:

My musical chart



EXTRAS!! Try out your piece on different objects. Does it sound different?

Challenge your friend to send you back a piece of their own to decode.

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We'd love to hear how you enjoyed this festival kit.
If you'd like to share your drawings, symbols or photos and
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