



Building Blocks of Music

Harmony

Q&A Discussion Guide

QUESTIONS

1. Finish this sentence: In music, harmony happens when...
2. True or False: Harmony adds color, depth, and excitement to music.
3. Can harmony be added to any melody?
4. What is a chord?
5. Name an instrument that can play harmony.
6. What musical groups are known for performing harmony?
7. What is the difference between melody and harmony?
8. Can harmony include notes that are higher or lower than the melody?

ANSWERS & TEACHER GUIDE

1. Harmony happens when two or more different notes are played or sung at the same time.
2. True.
3. Yes. Harmony can be created to accompany a melody.
4. A chord is three or more notes played or sung together at the same time.
5. Piano, guitar, organ, and many others. Answers may vary.
6. Choirs and orchestras are common examples, but many other musical groups use harmony.
7. Melody is the main tune. Harmony adds other notes that sound at the same time as the melody.
8. Yes. Harmony can include notes above or below the melody.

GROUP EXERCISE: CAN YOU HEAR THE PARTS?

Before revealing the answer, have students listen carefully to the harmony example in the video. Ask them to identify which Bean is singing the melody, which is singing the higher part, and which is singing the lower part.

TEACHER NOTE

In the video, Garbana (orange) sings the melody, Zuki (purple) sings the higher part, and Pinto (gold) sings the lower part.

