



Year 8 – Composing your own song – Part 2

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Composing songs – Part 2 – Lyric Writing

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Click on the Writing Lyrics section

Writing lyrics >

Explore writing lyrics and find out how you can capture your ideas into your own song.



Watch the video on writing lyrics

Watch and listen to the three examples of lyrics and read what the key sections of the song.

Listen to these examples of lyrics



Listen to You Should See Me in a Crown by Billie Eilish. The lyrics for this song were inspired by Moriarty in the BBC series Sherlock. Eilish has said that her songs are often inspired by 'bad guy' characters.



Listen to Atticus by The Noisettes. Harper Lee's book To Kill a Mockingbird provided the inspiration and the first line of the song. The title comes from one of the main characters.



Listen to Black by Dave. His words on race and culture sparked debate when it was played on BBC Radio 1 shows. His album won a Brit award in 2020.

Complete the quiz at the bottom of the page.



Quiz: Writing lyrics

Take our quiz to find out what you know about writing lyrics!

Play

Listen to the band performing the full song.

Listen to more

Listen to the band's live performance of the song.

Focus on the vocal line and the lyrics.

Download the lyrics and try singing along.



Listen to the band perform their song The Sound Of Us.

Composing your song

1. Consider what your song is going to be about and mind map some ideas of words, phrases that you think would work with you subject.
2. Think about a possible structure – will your piece start with a chorus or verse?
3. Start drafting your text.

Using WORD note down some possible ideas and save them in your documents as Song Writing 2 Lyrics