

FIND OUT MORE... Song Lyrics

Your school has a special day in July when it is going to be visited by a Brass Band. We think you'll love it! British Brass Bands are traditional, musical ensembles that include a wide variety of brass instruments and percussion. The music that they play is really varied, from operatic overtures to pop music.

You are going to write your own lyrics to the Brass Foundations Song, "BRASS!".

The lyrics of a song are written within a certain structure.

The structure is made of building blocks - like a house is created with very specific parts - the foundations (we often don't think about what's underground, but it's really important) - the walls, the floors, the roof etc. Songs have big blocks too and we name them things like "chorus", "intro", or "bridge".

The Brass Foundations Song, "Brass" uses the following building blocks. Listen to the song and number them in the order that they appear.

Verse 1

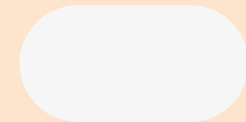
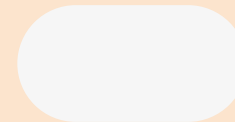
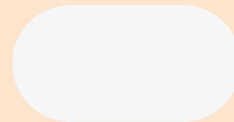
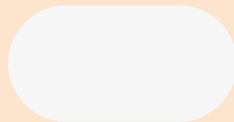
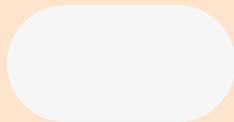
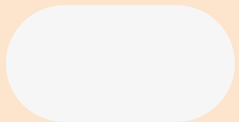
Verse 2

Bridge

Chorus

Outro

Intro



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Verse 2

You can play the cornet when you're
Hanging out at home, you can
Play the tuba, tenor horn or
Even the trombone, but
When we play together and the
Sound blows you away, that's the
Brass Band bug that's got you and that's
Why we learn to play...

Bridge

Being in it means being on it,
Being with it and getting lots from it
Being right in the middle giving it
some class
Acing life and playing...

Chorus

Brass!...if you choose it...
Brass!...can groove it...
Brass!...it's instrumental...
Brass!...soft and gentle...
Brass!...will power through it...
Brass!...can jazz and blues it...
Brass!...march to it...
Brass!...you can do it...

Within each building block, each line has a certain number of 'syllables'. A syllable is created when we divide words into single sounds. For example, 'brass' has one syllable. Cor-net has two syllables, whilst euph-o-ni-um has four syllables.

in the verses there are 8 lines of lyrics. Most of the lines contain a total of 8 syllables. Some contain 7 and the last line contains 5. Can you work out which ones have 8 and which have 7?

In the bridge (in the song this is a chant, or rap). Each line has a different number of syllables. Count them up and write them below:

Line 1 _____ Line 2 _____ Line 3 _____ Line 4 _____

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Choose ONE of the musical structures (verse, bridge, chorus) and read through the lyrics, finding and underlining the words (towards the end of lines) which rhyme (like some forms of poetry). The rhymes in the chorus have been done for you.

You are going to write a new set of lyrics for this structure, keeping the same number of syllables in each line and attempting to rhyme in a similar way. You may wish to work your lyrics out in rough first, but use the template to write your own lyrics up neatly. We'd love to see some of your work. Ask your teacher to email it to us at Brass Foundations.

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Verse or Chorus (underline):

Handwriting practice area for Verse or Chorus lyrics, featuring ten horizontal blue lines and a vertical red margin line on the left.

Lyrics by _____ (name)

Bridge

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Lyrics by _____ (name)