



VIDURA COLLEGE - COLOMBO
GRADE 4

Music

- Dear Children, please copy down the following note.

Rhythm and the Beat with Percussion Family

What is Rhythm and the Beat?

The beat is the steady pulse that you feel in the tune, like a clock's tick and also it is the beat you would clap along to or tap your foot to.

The rhythm is the actual sound of the notes which is a song would be the same as the words.

Let's learn rhythm and beat with percussion instruments.

Percussion Instruments: -

Percussion instruments are the musical instruments that are sounded by being struck or scraped by a beater (including attached or enclosed beaters or rattles)struck, scraped or rubbed by hand; or struck against another similar instrument.

The percussion family is believed to include the oldest musical instruments, following the human voice.

The percussion section of an orchestra most commonly contains instruments such as timpani, snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, triangle and tambourine, maracas etc.

Bass Drum

A bass drum, or kick drum, is a large drum that makes a note of low definite or indefinite pitch.

Bass drums are percussion instruments that vary in size and are used in several musical genres.

Three major types of bass drums can be distinguished.

Tambourine: -

The tambourine is a musical instrument in the percussion family consisting of a frame, often of wood or plastic, with pairs of small metal jingles, called "zills"

Maracas: -

Maracas also called Rumba shakers, shac-shacs and various other names, are rattles which appear in many genres of the Caribbean and Latin music.

Players hold them by their handles, usually in pairs, and shake them. Maracas can't tune.