Music

How do bands ensure they perform in time, and that all parts are heard?

Miss Charatan

What is a typical song structure? Put the sections in order

bridge

verse 2

chorus

verse 1

outro
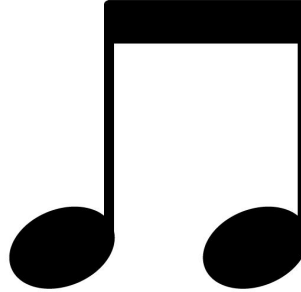
intro

chorus

chorus

Rhythm grid - Recapping notation

What's the difference?

1. How do musicians play in time together?

2. What are the 5 things you need to memorise when you play in a band?

3. How do musicians communicate with each other on stage?

Which parts need to be heard more than others? Is this going to be the same throughout the song?

bass line

melody

rhythm
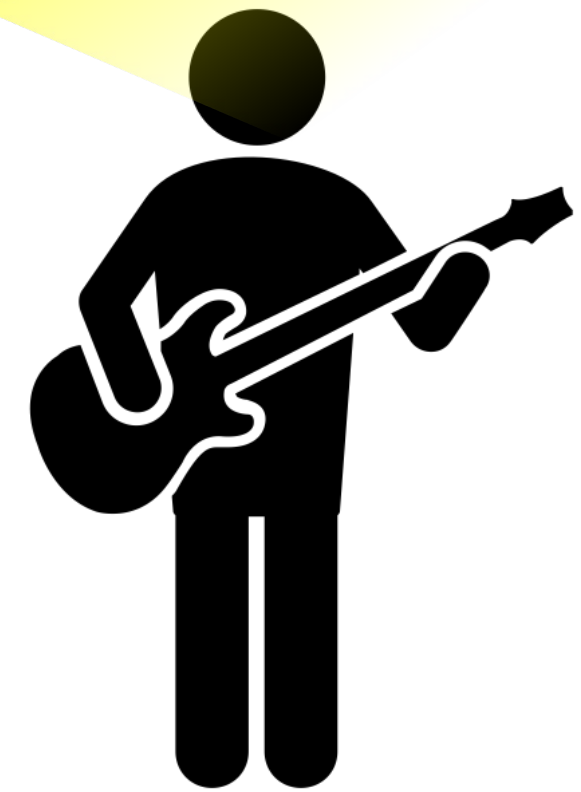
chords

How are parts balanced in a live performance?
How are parts balanced on a recording?

Before:

Sound check
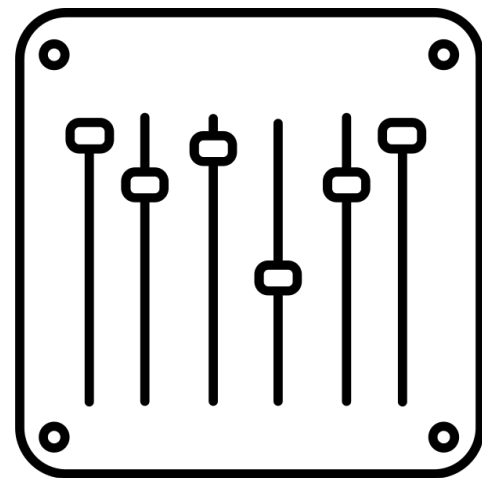
During:

Listening and adjusting

Mixing

After:

Reflecting
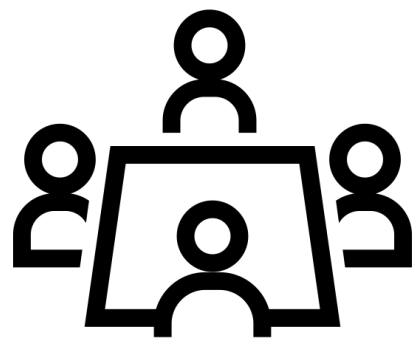
Balance - listening

Listen to the track 'Can't Stop' - Red Hot Chilli Peppers (you can find the clip on the worksheet)

1. What do you notice about the relative volume of the bass and drums?
2. What do you think will happen to the volume of the bass and drums when the vocals come in?
3. What do you think the drummer needs to be really careful about remembering?

On a piece of paper, answer the following questions...

1. What is balance?
2. How do musicians make sure that their sound is well balanced?
3. What are the three steps musicians take to ensure they have great balance in a performance?
4. How do bands ensure they perform in time?
5. What is balance?
6. How do live acts ensure they are balanced?
7. How can you change the balance on a DAW?

References

- Slide [5] - [Wikimedia Commons] - [Eric Koch] - [Televisie-optreden van The Beatles in Treslong te Hillegom vlnr. Paul McCartney, Bestanddeelnr 916-5099]

- Slide [5] - [Pikist] - [orchestra, military band, concert, uniform, music, instruments, event, performance, musicians, play, musical]

- Slide [7] - [The noun project] - [Simphiwe Mangole] - [Mixer]

- Slide [6,7] - [The noun project] - [Prosymbols] - [female vocalist]

- Slide [6,7] - [The noun project] - [Prosymbols] - [guitarist]

- Slide [6,7] - [The noun project] - [Prosymbols] - [female guitarist]

- Slide [6,7] - [The noun project] - [Gan Khoon Lay] - [person playing drums]

- Slide [7] - [Needpix] - [spotlight stage disco]