

SEA, VOYAGES & HOPE

bourne
mouth
symphony orchestra

Percussion

For the concert, James has arranged a piece called *Haul Away/Shanties*. Key to this piece is body percussion, which you will join in with at the concert.

What is percussion?

Percussion is a section of musical instruments that are played by striking with the hand or with a stick or beater, or by shaking.

Percussion Instruments

Below are a selection of orchestral percussion. Match the names to the instruments.

Timpani, Cymbals, Xylophone, Gong, Bells





Task

Percussion techniques can also apply to the human body. Get into a group with your friends and experiment with different types of body percussion. You could stomp your feet, clap your hands, snap your fingers or tap the side of your legs. Listen carefully to the rhythmic patterns that your friends are making and work out a pattern that compliments this.