

Year 5: Music

Livin' on a Prayer

Rock music, also called Rock and Roll, Rock & Roll, or Rock 'n' Roll, is a form of popular music that emerged in the 1950s and is defined as "a form of music with a strong beat."



Characteristics of Rock music:

- fast tempo - 140 beats per minute or faster;
- energetic delivery of vocals (screaming and shouting);
- often based on a 12-bar chord structure;
- use of flamboyant guitar solos;
- call and response - often between vocal and guitar.

Bon Jovi is an American rock band formed in 1983 in New Jersey.



Jon Bon Jovi is the lead singer, born in 1962. The band use a 'talk box'. It is a unique effect that allows you to modify an audio signal — most commonly a guitar sound — using the player's mouth as a filter to shape the sound. Richie Sambora, the lead guitarist, used the talk box on many iconic songs.



Listen to these other rock anthems:

- We Will Rock You - Queen;
- Smoke On The Water - Deep Purple;
- Rockin' All Over The World - Status Quo;
- Johnny B. Goode - Chuck Berry;
- I Saw Her Standing There - The Beatles.

Vocabulary

amplifier	An electronic device that increases the power of music.
backbeat	Beats 2 and 4 in a drum-line or if we clap along to the music.
fluency	To perform music, or recall a song, without mistakes.
internal pulse	A beat that stays steady even with other instruments or vocals.
rock anthems	Powerful celebration songs, usually with simple sing-along choruses.
rondo form	A theme or pattern in music, such as ABACABA.
structural form	The different sections of a song: intro, verse, chorus etc.
variations	Changes in the different parts of a song.

CRC Article 29: All children have the right to have their talents developed to the full.

