



1) What are the main differences between Latin American bossa nova and jazz?

2) What are the key instruments used in jazz music?

3) What does improvise mean and how can I do it well?

VOCABULARY

FAMOUS MUSICIANS

KEY FACTS

saxophone	The saxophone is a popular member of the woodwind family even though it is made of brass.	Weeks	Musician	Song	Jazz	Jazz is an original style of American Music. It is a unique blend of many styles of music including gospel music, brass bands, African music, blues, and Spanish music. Jazz incorporates musical notes that are "bent" to create emotion in the music. Jazz bands can be unique in that they create rhythm from a wide variety of instruments. The rhythms can shift and change throughout the song.
trumpet	The trumpet is a brass instrument commonly used in classical and jazz ensembles.	1/2	Ian Gray	The Three Note Bossa		
head	The head of a piece of music is its main theme	3/4	Stan Getz	Desafinado		
middle 8	The middle eight is usually eight bars in length and adds new musical ideas (a contrasting section).	5/6	Ben Webster	Cotton Tail		
piano	The piano was invented by Bartolomeo Cristofori (1655-1731) of Italy. Cristofori was unsatisfied by the lack of control that musicians had over the volume level of the harpsichord. He is credited for switching out the plucking mechanism with a hammer to create the modern piano in around the year 1700.	7/8		Five Note Swing		
Rhythm section	A rhythm section is a core group of instruments within an ensemble that together play a groove/accompaniment under a lead instrument or vocalist.	9/10	Woody Herman	Perdido		
		11/12	Etta James	At last	Instruments	• Voice • Saxophone • Trumpet • Trombone • Piano • Bass • Drums • Guitar.
					Latin American bossa nova	Bossa nova is a style of Brazilian music invented in the late 1950s by a group of middle-class students and musicians living in the Copacabana and Ipanema beachside districts of Rio de Janeiro. The name is translated as "the new beat" or "the new way".
					Improvisation	One of the most unique aspects of jazz is improvisation. This is when the music is made up during the song. There is an overriding melody and structure to the song, but the musicians play it differently each time. Usually, each musician gets the opportunity to solo during the song. They improvise during their solo trying out new tricks and ideas to see what works.

I know how to...

Recognise the distinctive rhythms used in Latin American Boss Nova	Recognise and name some of the instruments used in jazz music	Play a melody based on 3 notes in time with the backing and perform quite confidently	Improvise my own melody on 3 notes and know when to start and stop playing
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