

BEAT SOUND and SILENCE

BEAT - LISTENING - ECHO CLAPPING

Many children are capable of hearing and repeating a simple beat pattern of up to four beats.

Use the *MusikMakers* drumsticks to play a two beat pattern.

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The children should listen to the pattern, count the beats aloud, then echo the pattern using their drumsticks. Repeat the activity with the following patterns.

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SOUND and SILENCE

Music is not just sound. Music is also the silence between sounds. Silence is a very important part of all music.

Playing games with **SOUND** (movement) and **SILENCE** (no movement) helps to focus the child's attention on both aspects of music. The children's game of musical chairs is a good example of this.

Listen for silences!

Activity 7: Colour the fruit and vegetable pictures, then cut them out and arrange and glue them onto a separate sheet of card to make an *Aiken Drum* person. Some children may wish to use leftovers to make an *Aiken Drum* animal.