



Year 8 Unit 1: Keyboard Skills

Lesson 4



Learning Objectives

- I will be able to perform a piece using both hands
- I will be able to play rhythmically accurately
- I will be able to play using a key signature



Starter Activity: Chords

- A chord is a group of two or more notes, played at the same time. Each chord has a name, normally the same letter as the “root note” or tonic note of the chord. Chords are built in particular ways, with a tonic, a major or minor third, and a fifth. This is sometimes referred to as “chord spelling”.

Major and Minor

- Major and minor chords sound slightly different. Minor chords usually sound weaker, and are sometimes described as sad. Major chords have a strong sound. Changing the third degree of the chord will change the quality from major to minor. In the diagram below, C is the tonic or root note, and G is the fifth degree. Only the third degree of the chord is changed to turn a major chord into a minor chord.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=it43JQy136I>

Chord Challenge

Major or Minor?



Extension

- Listen to Rondo Alla Turca (Mozart) and follow the instructions in your booklet.



Happy Birthday

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Piano

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Moderato

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Termly Review

- Complete the sentence starter at the bottom of the page
- Complete the self-assessment PM/PF sentence starters
- Ask your teacher to tick and sign the PM/PF boxes which apply to you