

Whole class instrument learning: Ukulele

Key composer, genre and instruments

ABBA ABBA are a Swedish pop group formed in Stockholm in 1972 by Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson and Anni-Frid Lyngstad. The group's name is an acronym of the first letters of their first names, A -B- B -A arranged as a palindrome (a word which reads the same forwards as backwards).

Success One of the most popular and successful musical groups of all time, ABBA became one of the best-selling music acts in the history of popular music, topping the charts worldwide from 1974 to 1983, and again in 2021. ABBA has achieved 48 hit singles.



Instruments Benny plays the keyboard and Bjorn plays the electric guitar. Anna and Agneta are the lead singers but Benny and Bjorn also sing on many of their songs.



Key Skills

Learning new chords - A minor and F major, and move between chords, including C major.

Strum and play open strings with increased confidence.

Play patterns using more than one finger.

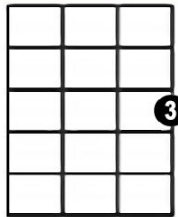
Develop self appraisal skills.

Improvise successful two and four bar strumming responses.

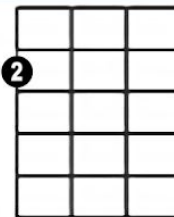
Sing more complex melodies and songs.

Respond to written notation.

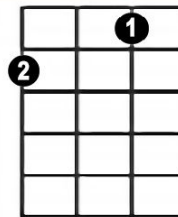
C Major



A Minor



F Major



Relevant songs

Mamma mia - ABBA

Songs for the ukulele:

Church Bells

Autumn Leaves

Strum Strum Strum Strum (developing this further and adding F chord)

TAB Tango

Third Fret Blues

Key Vocabulary

open string A string that is played without any fingers pressing down on the neck to change its tone.

major chord Strumming the four strings with fingers pressed down - major chords sound happy.

minor chord Strumming the four strings with fingers pressed down - minor chords can sound sad, lonely or spooky.

improvise To make up on the spur of the moment.

crotchet rest A rest in the music for one beat.

minim rest A rest in the music for two beats.

semibreve rest A rest in the music for four beats.

chord symbol The picture of a chord showing where the fingers go on which strings - C major, A minor, F major.

