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# Hometalk

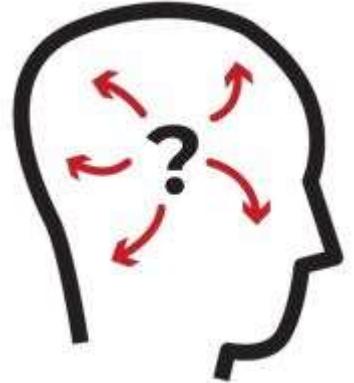
Thoughtful Conversations for Families

Week 14



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Thinking  
Moves



# This week's focus is music

“Ah, music, a magic beyond all we do here!”

Albus Dumbeldore,  
headteacher,  
Hogwarts



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“If music be the food of love, play on, give me excess of it”

Duke Orsino  
Twelfth Night  
William Shakespeare



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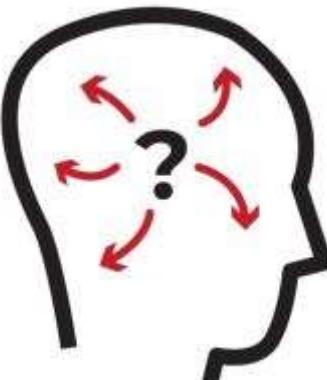
## Caring thinking

- Really LISTEN to the music and the words in this pack. How does it make you feel?



## Creative thinking

- What does the music make you think about? Can you CONNECT it to any other ideas?



Thinking Moves

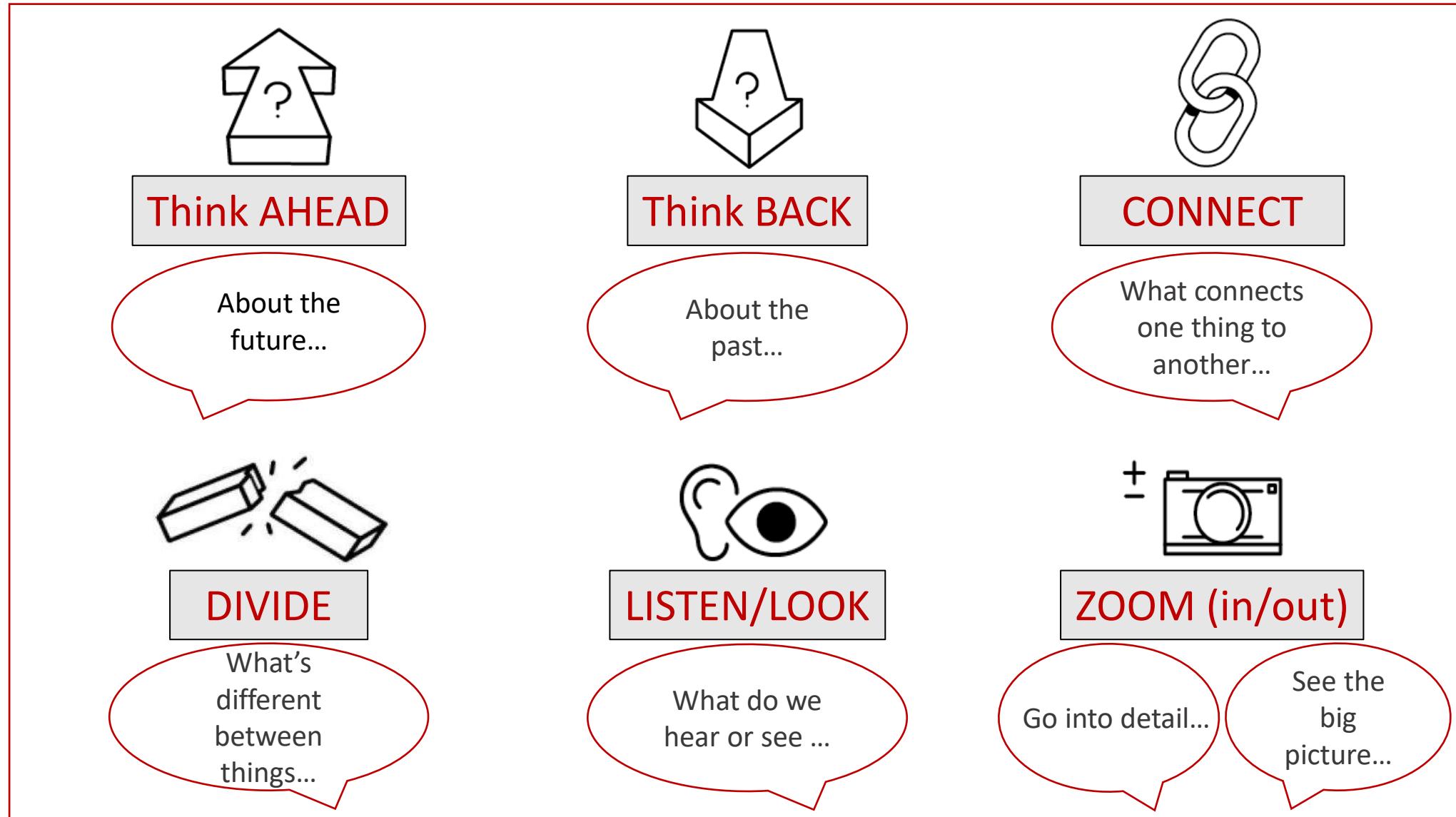
## Collaborative thinking

- How do people work together to make music?
- In what ways can we enjoy music together?

## Critical thinking

- Why do you like some types of music and not others?
- What do you think the composer was trying to say through the music?

# Thinking Moves in this Hometalk



# Hometalk discussion suggestions

For age 3 – 5 years



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zKr44iBFT0>

**ABC Phonics song – Early Birds Kids Club**, song to help learn the alphabet



## Talking Points

- Which was your favourite letter in the song?
- For the letters A, B and C, can you think of:
  - An animal
  - Something you eat
  - A person's name?
- Do songs help you learn things?
- Do you know any other learning songs?

## Fun Activity

- Can you make up your own alphabet activity? Think up something for as many letters as you can, and draw them in a scrapbook.
- Maybe your family can do it with you.

# Hometalk discussion suggestions

## For all ages

### CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS 4. Tortoises



<https://youtu.be/1L993HNAa8M>

**Carnival of the Animals** – Camille SaintSaëns has 14 movements. LISTEN to a couple of movements, with your eyes closed for at least one movement.



## Thinking BACK

- Camille SaintSaëns composed this piece in 1886, it was, in his opinion, a ‘fun’ piece that depicts, musically, different animals (although he includes pianists as one of them!) in each piece. He refused to have it published until after his death for fear of it detracting from his more serious music. The work has grown in popularity and is now one of Saint-Saëns’s most well known works.

## Talking Points

- Do you have a picture in your head when you listen to this music? What about others in your family?
- Why do you think different people might have different pictures in their head?
- Does this mean that music can be ‘seen’ as well as ‘heard’?

# Hometalk discussion suggestions

## For age 6 – 9 years



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJrSUHK9Luw>

**Landfill Harmonics** – Paraguay's landfill orchestra plays instruments made from recycled rubbish



## Talking Points

- Which musical instrument's sound do you like best?
- What does making music mean to the Paraguayan children?
- What is it about music that can make it so important?

## Fun Activity

- Can you find something to make a musical instrument with?
  - A rubber band?
  - A saucepan?
  - A blade of grass?

# Hometalk fun activity – all ages

## Create your own orchestra

- Which instruments would it have?
- What sort of music would it play?
- How would the musicians be dressed?
- What would the concert hall look like?



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# Hometalk discussion suggestions 3

For age 10+ years



<https://youtu.be/Us-TVg40ExM>

**Stand by Me** from Songs Around the World by Playing For Change



Talking Points

- Playing For Change is a movement created to inspire and connect the world through music.
- The movement shares the belief that music has the power to break down boundaries and overcome distances between people.

Talking Points

- Do you think music has the power to change the world?
- If yes, how might music change the world?
- If no, why not?

# Hometalk discussion suggestions – influential musicians

## Rolling Stone magazine top 10: 2011



The Beatles



Jimi Hendrix



Aretha Franklin



Bob Dylan



Chuck Berry



James Brown



Little Richard



The Rolling Stones



Ray Charles



Elvis Presley

# Hometalk discussion suggestions – popular musicians

Spotify top 10 monthly listeners: 2019



The Weeknd



Dua Lipa



Travis Scott



Drake



Ariana Grande



Justin Bieber



J Balvin



Lady Gaga



Nicki Minaj



Ed Sheeran

# ZOOM in on the lists of musicians

## Rolling Stone magazine top 10: 2011

The 100 Greatest Artists of All Time is a special issue published by the American magazine *Rolling Stone* in two parts in 2004 and 2005 and updated in 2011. The list presented was compiled based on input from musicians, writers, and industry figures and is focused on the [rock & roll](#) era. It predominantly features American and British musicians.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rolling\\_Stone%27s\\_100\\_Greatest\\_Artists\\_of\\_All\\_Time](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rolling_Stone%27s_100_Greatest_Artists_of_All_Time)



## Spotify top 10 monthly listeners: 2019

This list contains the most-streamed artists on the audio streaming platform [Spotify](#). As of June 2020, [The Weeknd](#) has the most monthly listeners on Spotify by a male artist, and [Ariana Grande](#) has the most monthly listeners on Spotify by a female artist. [Ed Sheeran](#) has the most followers. Since 2013, Spotify has published a yearly list of its most-streamed artists, which has been topped by [Drake](#) a record three times (2015, 2016, and 2018).

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_most-streamed\\_artists\\_on\\_Spotify](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_most-streamed_artists_on_Spotify)

# Hometalk discussion suggestions on music

## Thinking Moves (1)

- LOOK at the pictures on the previous two slides and say what you notice about them
- What do you think CONNECTS some of the musicians to each other
- What do you think DIVIDES some of the musicians from each other
- What CONNECTS and DIVIDES the lists of influential musicians from Rolling Stone Magazine and popular musicians from Spotify?



## Thinking Moves (2)

- Think BACK to a piece of music that you really like. Maybe LISTEN to it again.
- ZOOM in on what makes you like this piece of music.
- ZOOM out and think how important music is in your life now
- Think AHEAD to what part you think music might play in your life in future

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