

ACTIVITY 5 INVENTING NEW MUSIC INSTRUMENTS

AIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a transcultural approach to music and creativity. • Enhance imagination, observation, and design skills. • Foster artistic expression through drawing and creative thinking.
MATERIALS	<p>Computer with access to the e-Library World map or globe Projector or large screen (optional) Photocopies or printed images of the 15 musical instruments from the Library Art supplies: paper, crayons, colored pencils, or markers</p>
PROCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show the images of the 15 musical instruments from the e-Library on the screen. • Encourage the children to observe carefully and discuss what they notice: shapes, materials, colors, and how they are played. • Lead a brainstorming session about how to invent a new musical instrument by combining features from different instruments or inventing something entirely original. • Encourage playful ideas, for example, instruments made from unexpected materials (like glass, or chocolate!) or with imaginative shapes. • Ask each child to draw their invented instrument, giving it a name and describing how it might sound or be played. • When everyone finish, display all the drawings on the wall to create a Gallery of New Instruments. • Invite the children to walk around, look at each creation, and discuss similarities and differences. • Work together to group the instruments into creative categories – not only traditional ones (string, wind, percussion) but also fantasy ones (e.g., “chocolate instruments,” “flying instruments,” “water instruments”). • Rearrange the gallery grouping the drawings according to these new categories. • Ask the children to imagine how their invented instruments would sound and to imitate those sounds with their voices. Encourage them to explore volume, pitch, and rhythm in their vocal interpretations.
DURATION	Approximately 1 hour
LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>Children will: Explore and compare musical instruments from diverse cultures. Develop creativity and imagination through invention and design. Strengthen observation, categorization, and visual representation skills. Experience the joy of artistic and collective creation. Understand the concept of cultural fusion and innovation in music. Enhance confidence in expressing original ideas through art and sound</p>