

ACTIVITY 8 THE EMOTION DETECTIVE

AIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To become familiar with how music can represent and evoke different emotions. • To associate musical elements (like tempo, volume, key) with specific moods. • To develop emotional intelligence and a vocabulary to describe their feelings.
MATERIALS	<p>Computer to play audio files (from an "e-Library" or a prepared playlist).</p> <p>"Emotion Cards": 5-6 flashcards showing simple smiley faces or symbols for different emotions (e.g., Happiness 😊, Sadness 😞, Anger 😡, Calm 😌, Fear 😱, Silly 😜).</p>
PROCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select five main emotions and their corresponding musical pieces (e.g., a fast, upbeat piece for "Happiness," a slow one in a minor key for "Sadness"). • Begin the activity with one of the emotions. Show the "Emotion Card" (e.g., the sad face 😞) and ask the children when they have felt that way. • Ask the children to close their eyes and listen carefully to the corresponding music audio file. • After listening, discuss with them: "How did this music make you feel? Was it fast or slow? Loud or soft?" • The same process is repeated for each of the other four emotions. • "Guessing Game": Lay the 5 "Emotion Cards" on the floor, clearly visible. Play the five tracks in random order. • After each piece, the children must point to (or run to) the emotion card they think matches the music they heard. • The child (or group) who correctly identifies the most emotions becomes the "Emotion Detective of the Day!"
DURATION	<p>Since only 5 emotions/pieces are selected for this activity at a time, it can be repeated on other days using new music for the same emotions, or by introducing more complex emotions (e.g., "Mystery," "Triumph").</p> <p>Each session, as described above, lasts approximately 45-60 minutes.</p>
LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>Children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop active listening and sound analysis skills. Create connections between musical language and emotional language. Express their feelings and interpretations through discussion and movement. Gain a greater awareness of how music influences mood.