

Hello you musical bunch!

Weekly Challenge #5

Here is musical challenge number **five**.

The FREE online resource we are using is [Minute of Listening](http://www.minuteoflistening.org)

Here's what I'd love you to do:

1. Visit www.minuteoflistening.org
2. Log in (or register for a free account if you're new here!)
3. Find the **Bristol** collection
4. Listen to **Sound #15**

This is the **River Frome**. It was recorded at Oldbury Court Estate. I love the sound of water so much. Can hear children playing and a grown-up saying "careful!"?

This challenge is about **listening, interpreting** and **recreating**. I would like you to have a go at making water sounds at home. But... without using any water!

You can experiment with:

Quick things:

Tapping fingers on a plastic or tin lid

Things to make:

Rainstick / Rain maker*
Ocean drum**

Out of the box thinking:

Untune a radio so you get the white noise/ static sound

*To make your own **rainmaker** you will need:

- ❖ A cardboard tube (try wallpaper or wrapping paper rolls – or kitchen roll tubes)
- ❖ Seal one end with some paper and tape.
- ❖ Push some split-pins through the tube like the picture below (ask a grown-up to help as they can be a bit bendy and challenging!).
- ❖ Add some dried beans or rice or macaroni (about 1/5 full)
- ❖ Seal the other end.
- ❖ Decorate if you fancy; maybe with some splashy patterns.



To make an **ocean drum you could use...

- ❖ An empty plastic tub, a shallow plastic dish, a small plastic mixing bowl or even a sieve or garden riddle.
- ❖ Add some dried beans or rice or macaroni.
- ❖ Seal the top with either its lid, or some paper and elastic band/ tape, or tin foil... each material will give you a different sound or **timbre**.

Your musical challenge is to use your new instruments to tell the story of a river moving from a very gentle flow right up to fast-flowing roar! How gradual can you be? You could even add in sounds of children playing – and a grown-up saying "Careful!" Record your work and send it in if you like! Spill the beans on how you made your watery river soundscape!!!