

Hi Everybody!

Weekly Challenge #8

Here is musical challenge number **eight**.

Log in to [Minute of Listening](#) and find **Bristol Collection 1** and listen to **Minute #25**

Minute #25 was recorded at the Bristol Rovers North Stand. In the Minute, you can hear parts of the crowd singing and chanting. Singing is a powerful way to bring people together. An important part of being a football supporter! We can't all talk at the same time - but we can all sing at the same time.

This challenge will focus on **rhythm, composition** and **texture**.

Can you hear the song that the supporters sing? Which team do you think they support? Do you support a sports team? I always sing along to the Welsh National Anthem at the start of rugby games and feel pretty emotional by the end of it. Have you had an experience like that?

A popular chant and/or clap in football goes like this: clap, clap, quick, quick, clap, quick, quick, quick, clap, quick, clap. Arsenal supporters often chant "Oh - to - oh to be - oh to be a - gooner" though 'gooner' is pronounced, in this case, 'goo-nAH!' (There are examples online if you need.)

Your challenge:

Write your own new chant to support any sports team that you like. It doesn't even have to be a sports team – it could be a protest chant or a chant in support of something you care about.

Step 1:

Master that rhythm. Clap, clap, quick, quick, clap, quick, quick, quick, clap, quick, clap. Once you've mastered it you can transfer that rhythm into some body percussion, blowing a whistle or tapping some empty jam jars... anything you like.

Mini super challenge 1!! – Find someone to clap the rhythm. Then, when they've clapped the first half (clap, clap, quick, quick, clap / ooh to oh to be), YOU start the clap from the beginning. This is creating a second layer. You'll both start and finish at different times but this 2-layered rhythm should sound pretty neat. Remember to keep at the same **tempo** and concentrate!

Step 2:

Write your own words to fit this rhythm. (If you feel super confident – you could make up your own rhythm and write words to fit that instead. Just make sure your rhythm is clear and neat.

A cheesy idea: I - love - cheese on toast – more than a Sun – day roast!

A protest idea: Let's – walk – ev-'ry-where – I like to breath – clean air!

A sporty idea: Ci – ty – are the best – better than all – the rest!

Step 3:

Can you clap your rhythm and chant your words at the same time? If you can – can you teach it to someone else? How many people can you get to join in? It would be amazing if you could record lots of (socially distanced) people all chanting your chant at the same time!!

Mini super challenge 2!! – Either get someone else to clap or play the rhythm, or record yourself clapping it – at least twice through. Then see if you can come in halfway-through the rhythm with your chant. Like Mini super challenge 1, you'll now have two layers to your piece. Can you repeat this challenge both chanting? Two people chanting – but one starts halfway-through!