

improvise



chord



scale

emotion



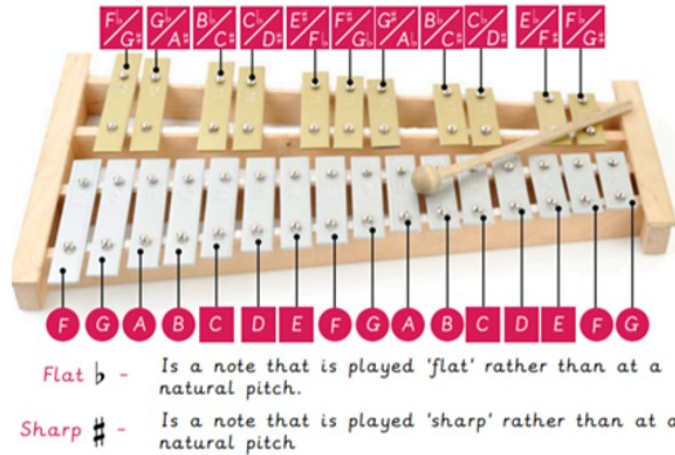
ascending



descending



Blues music is often sad and emotional, which is why we say we have 'the blues' when we feel sad. Its main features are the 12-bar blues and the blues scale, and it in-



1 CCCC	2 CCCC	3 CCCC	4 CCCC
5 FFFF	6 FFFF	7 CCCC	8 CCCC
9 GGGG	10 FFFF	11 CCCC	12 CCCC

12 Bar Blues - A series of chords played in a specific order

### Sticky Knowledge:

- To know the interrelated dimensions of music and how they are used to construct compositions.
- To know the key features of Blues music.
- To know what a chord is.
- To know what a Blues scales is and how to play examples.
- To know how to improvise to create a Blues inspired sound.



### Glossary

- Chord—Two or more notes that are played at the same time and work in harmony.
- Scale—Any set of musical notes which are in order of their pitch.
- Ascending scale—A scale in which the pitch of notes goes up.
- Descending scale—A scale in which the pitch of notes goes down.
- Blues Scale—A set of notes used to play a melody over 12-bar blues.
- Improvisation—Making up music as it is played or performed.
- Bent notes—A musical note that varies in pitch usually going up slightly at the end.
- Bar—A section of music with a specific number of beats (in blues there are usually 4 beats in a bar).
- Quaver—A note which last half a beat.