



Year 8 Music: EDM

Key Information

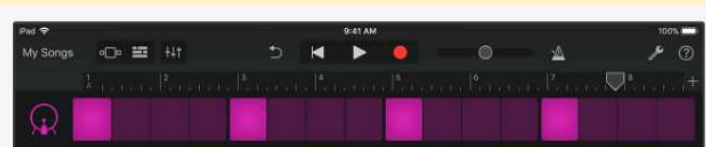
EDM stands for **ELECTRONIC DANCE MUSIC**.

It became popular in the 1990s thanks to the club scene in places like Ibiza. It is made for nightclubs, raves, and festivals, and is produced by DJs. It is all about **PRODUCTION**.

EDM is mostly created using digital instrumental sounds accompanied by a strong dance beat called **Four on the Floor**. There can be many layers of sound.

The texture varies from thin (one layer) to thick, with techniques called the **build-up**, **break**, and **drop**.

Four on the floor:



<u>Keyword</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Build-up	Before the drop. Tension builds with more layers and higher pitched sounds.
Drop	A sudden change of rhythm occurs – drums may drop out.
Break	Drums and percussion only section.
Samples	Sections of melodic material used to create riff/melody.
Syncopation	When music is played with emphasis on the offbeat.
Four on the Floor	Accented beat in 4/4. Bass drum on each beat.
Electronic instruments	Oscillating synthesisers, drum machines

Stretch and Challenge

If you have Garageband at home, or similar software, try creating a stylistic drum track, starting with a bar of Four on the Floor, and building the texture up.

[The Ultimate EDM Production Glossary | EDMtips](#)

Task-Listen to EDM:

[Daft Punk - One More Time \(Official Video\) \(youtube.com\)](#)



M	A	D	T	S	H	I	R	T
Melody	Articulation	Dynamics	Tempo	Structure	Harmony	Instruments	Rhythm	Texture
The main tune	How the music is played	The volume of the music	The speed of the music	The sections of the music and their order	The chords used	What instruments and the type of sound produced	The patterns of sounds with the beat	Layers of music – how many and what each does