



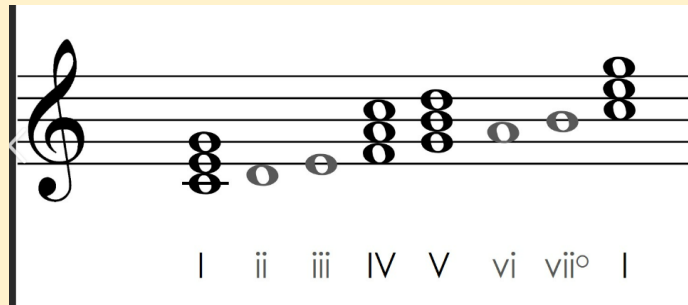
Year 9 Music: Songwriting

Key Information



Learn to write songs:

- Listen to lots of Music.
- Carry a journal of ideas.
- Learn chords.
- Record your musical ideas.
- Practise rhyming words.
- Write a song each day.

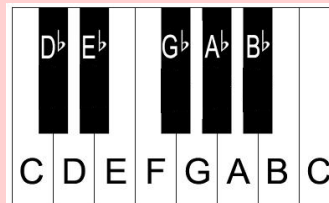


Primary chords, I, IV and V. Most songs have these!



Keyword	Meaning
Accompaniment	The harmony/instrumentation that supports melody
Cycle of Fifths	A basis for harmony, key and scales
Chord sequence	A set of chords in a specific order that characterize a song
Diminished chord	A chord made of intervals of a minor 3 rd e.g. C, Eb, F#, A
Hook	A short musical idea designed to "catch" the listener
Broken chords	Chords that are played one note at a time.

Stretch and Challenge



Work out the Secondary chords, chords ii, iii and vi in the key of C major. They will sound **minor**.

Chord **vii** will sound diminished.

Analysis

[Adele - Someone Like You \(Official Music Video\) \(youtube.com\)](#)

Describe the piano accompaniment at the start.

What is the interval of the first two notes of the vocal line?
2nd/3rd/4th/5th

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 are used and the sound produced	The patterns of sounds with the beat	Layers of music – how many and what each does