Start with a Book: Tune In! Toolkit

Write to Music



STEP 1 Hand out pencils and paper for writing. Talk through the activity. Tell the kids that you're going to respond to music with words now. You'll be writing down whatever images the music inspires in words, phrases, or sentences.

For example, a soft, flowing piece of music might make you think of a river. The music might inspire you to write:

Cool water

Flowing

Sparkling in the sun

River of water

River of light

Or that soft, flowing piece of music might make just you think of soft, flowing words:

Flow

Light

Rolling rolling

Quiet now





A jazzy, fast piece might make you think of a city street:

Red lights

Green lights

Cars honk

Step on the gas

People talk

People laugh

Or that jazzy, fast piece might make you think of fast action words:

Do

Play

Strike

Go

STEP 2 Now, use the audio and experiment with the writing part of this activity.

STEP 3 Invite kids to share their pieces by reading them. If the kids are emerging readers and don't feel comfortable reading aloud, ask if you or another adult can share their writing with the group.



