

1.4 Aural Awareness

Teacher's guide

The teacher claps a 4-beat pattern like the ones below, and invites students to repeat the pattern clapping in steady time. Patterns of increasing difficulty will follow.

Teacher

Students

Then the teacher will clap different rhythmic patterns inviting the students to answer in echo. The teacher claps a 3-beat pattern and repeats the exercise. Again patterns of increasing difficulty will follow.

Game:

The teacher claps different rhythm patterns and have the students clapping them back until he decides to clap the same rhythm twice in a row. When this happens, all students should fold their arms. Those who don't fold their arms (and who keep clapping) are out!

Teacher

Student

new rhythm

new rhythm

new rhythm

same rhythm

Students who do not cross their arms are out!

Continue until only one person is still standing. This game can also be adapted for different levels.