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Listening Lesson Idea

Grade Level: 2/3

Type of Lesson: Listening

Title: Programme Music

Source: <https://www.icancompose.com/6-engaging-classroom-listening-activities/>

Description: You will need PowerPoint (or equivalent) with images from Pictures at an Exhibition and prompts, abstract art examples to display on board and as laminated pupil hand-outs, and Pictures an Exhibition by Mussorgsky to play in class. Give pupils some background information about Pictures at an Exhibition or ask pupils to research it themselves and present their findings. Display some of the images from the 'exhibition' and ask pupils to describe them. Play excerpts of the music and ask pupils to discuss how the music reflects the images. It may be helpful to give keyword prompts. As well as exploring the various images, discuss the promenade theme which portrays the visitor progressing through the exhibition. Display examples of abstract art on the screen and ask pupils to describe the images. Hand out a selection of image cards and ask pupils to a) describe the image and b) consider how the image might be portrayed in music. Encourage pupils to think about instrumentation, rhythm, texture, dynamics, and sonority (timbre).

Curriculum Connection: Involving both the 'Pictures at an Exhibition' and abstract art examples.
(Media Art, History).

Literacy Connection: Any content researched by students when looking into the pictures given
from the exhibit.

Music Standards utilized: 3.MU:Cr2