

CREATE WEEK

THE MINI-SONG MAKER WITH AGA SERUGO-LUGO

The Mini-song maker is designed for you to create a simple song in a short space of time. No prior music skills are required, and no instrument is needed.

MATERIAL LIST

You will need

- Pen / Pencil
- Piece of paper

DAY 4
Song-writing



STEP 1

Making a story

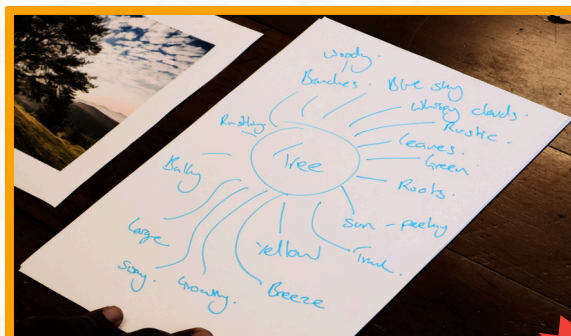
The fastest way to come up with a simple story is to look at any picture and add one character. I've chosen this picture of a tree.



STEP 2

Mapping ideas

Once you've got your picture you can begin mind-mapping ideas. Start without a prompt and then: Think of the 5 senses: What do you see, hear, taste, smell and feel. Any interesting adjectives? Any interesting action words (verbs)?



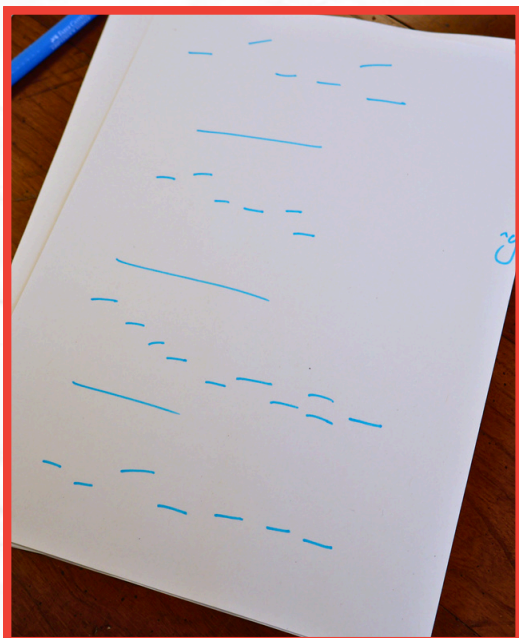
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STEP 3

Writing four short lines

These are your lyrics. Keep them simple. They don't have to rhyme or be full sentences - just try to capture a mood or idea.

Tree: rustic, majestic
I walk to you, reaching
I remember your fresh roots grow
Morning flowing in my mind



STEP 4

Make up the tune

Say each line out loud and notice the natural melody and rhythm. Repeat the line and try singing it. Let your voice follow a pattern that feels natural or expressive. Do this for all four lines.

If you get stuck, you can draw lines showing how the melody might rise and fall, then follow that shape with your voice.

Always sing previous lines, before you get to the next, so the whole tune makes sense to you.

STEP 5

Add some beats

Using the chart below, add 3 X's to 3 numbers. Count 1 to 8 and clap on the X numbers. Repeat, until you can clap without saying the numbers aloud. If you don't like it, choose different numbers and start again.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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STEP 6

Put it together

Start with your clapping rhythm. Then sing your four-line song over the beat. Repeat the song a few times, and finish with the rhythm again.

STEP 7

Finish and share!

Congratulations! You've created an original song! Give it a title and, if you want to, you can record it and share with with us online using #CreateWeek

👉 **DON'T FORGET TO TAG YOUR CREATION ONLINE USING #CREATEWEEK SO WE CAN SEE WHAT YOU MADE!**

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Aga Serugo-Lugo is a vocalist, clarinettist, pianist, composer and workshop leader. He sang in the 9-piece Funk band "Gefunkt", and composed and played for the jazz-fusion group 'Eclectiv'. Aga has delivered community workshops for Create, Sing-up, The Royal Opera House, ENO Engage, Music in Detention, Britten Pears Arts and Turtle Key Arts. He works in Education settings for SEN Schools, Trinity Laban, Pegasus Opera, London Sinfonietta and BBC Proms. Aga specialises in collaborative musical storytelling and believes music making should be a shared immersive experience.

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