

Lesson Plan for Understanding Major and Minor Using Electronic Music Instruments

Objective

Students will be able to identify and differentiate between major and minor chords using electronic music instruments.

Targeted Task

Students will be able to produce an example major or minor melodies using members of its chord. Students will use an electronic musical instrument and will also further their understanding by creating movements- based on scenarios.

Materials

- Electronic music instruments (such as a keyboard or synthesizer)
- Headphones or speakers
- I pads with garageband software to use the electronic instruments
- Song examples in major and minor keys

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Introduce the concept of major and minor chords in music.
- Play examples of songs in major and minor keys, and ask students to identify the difference in the sound of the chords.
- Explain that we will be using electronic music instruments to create our own major and minor chords that will match scenarios that are given to different groups of students

Activity 1: Creating Major and Minor Chords (20 minutes)

- Demonstrate how to create a major and minor chord on the electronic music instrument.
- Have students practice creating their own major and minor chords.
- Play a song in a major key and have students play along with the major chords.
- Repeat the same process with a song in a minor key.

Activity 2: Performing Major and Minor Chords that Match different Scenarios (10 minutes)

- Read the scenarios to the different groups
- Provide each team with an Ipad and check for understanding regarding its use and the task
- Have student begin to create a movement activity as well as the development of the chords for each scenarios

- When time is up, invite each team to perform their creations.

Conclusion (10 minutes)

- Recap the difference between major and minor chords.
- Review the targeted task with class and check to see if they understood

Extension Activity

- Have students research and present on a famous song that uses major or minor chords.
- Have students create their own song using major and minor chords.