

ARTPLAY AT HOME



Haunted home

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Compose your own scary music using sounds from your house



Instructions

Explore all the creepy sounds your house can make. Look for squeaking or slamming doors, creaking floor-boards, scratching, rustling, brushing, fluttering or slapping sounds, and others. Some might occur as part of a normal day's activities, but others you might invent. Don't forget vocal sounds – sometimes these are the scariest of all!

Once you have your sound collection:

- Choose 4 to 8 of the spookiest sounds
- Draw a symbol for each sound
- Choose a person to be your conductor
- On your big piece of paper draw up a grid with the name of each person playing down the first column on the left, and numbers indicating the order to play in the columns across the top
- Draw your symbols on the squares where each person is to play
- Shhh! Don't forget to include some spooky silence!

Now it is time to perform. Your conductor points to the numbers at the top of each column one by one. People who have a sound to play in that column play it.

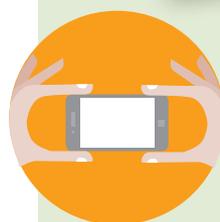
You have now composed an original, unique Haunted House piece of music – congratulations!

You will need

- Two or more people
- A big piece of paper
- Markers
- Some kitchen sticks to hit, tap, or scrape things with (e.g. chopsticks, cutlery, wooden spoons, kebab sticks)

Performance

The Haunted House is most effective when performed at night. However, have some hot chocolate on stand-by for after the concert, to make sure everyone has sweet dreams.



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