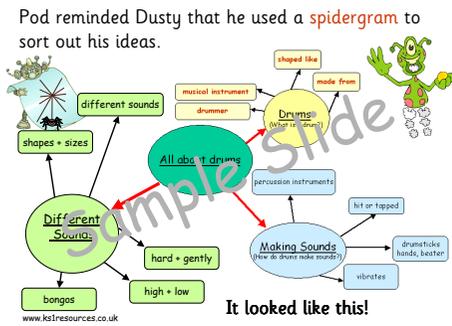


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# Writing Dusty's Report

## All About Drums

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Now it was time for Dusty to start writing a report for his friends.

He knew he wanted his report to be about drums.

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Pod told Dusty ....

Your writing must have **facts** about drums so that your friends will learn all about them.

**facts**

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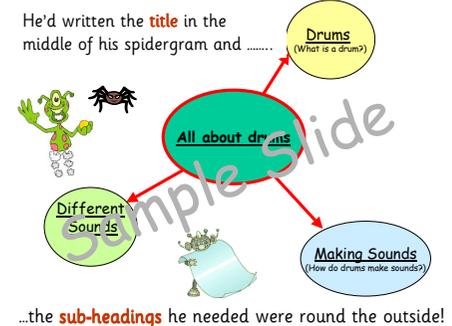
Then Pod said.....

You need a **title** and then you need to sort your ideas into **sub-headings**.

That was when Dusty realised his spidergram could help him....

**sub-headings**

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Dusty decided to change his **sub-headings** just a little bit...

This is what he decided his sub-headings would be...

1. What is a drum?
2. Making sounds with a drum
3. Different sounds

**sub-headings**

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Now he had a **title** and three **sub-headings**.....

Now he needed some **facts** to go with his sub-headings.

**facts**

All About Drums

What is a drum?

Facts.....

Making sounds with a drum

Facts.....

Different sounds

Facts.....

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That was easy!

Now he needed to write some facts under his **first** sub-heading.

He looked at the notes on his spidergram and remembered his ideas.

**facts**

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1. Drums are **musical instruments**.
2. A simple drum is **shaped like** a cylinder.
3. A drum is **made from** a frame with a drum skin stretched over one end of it.
4. The person who plays a drum is called a **drummer**.

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**facts**

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That was easy!

Now he needed to write some facts under his **second** sub-heading.

**Making sounds with a drum**

Making sounds with a drum

Facts.....

**Different sounds**

Facts.....

**facts**

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Dusty looked at the notes on his spidergram and remembered his ideas.

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1. Drums are part of a family of instruments called **percussion instruments**.
2. Drums make sounds when they are **hit or tapped** using **hands, drumsticks or a special beater**.
3. When a drum skin is tapped or hit it wobbles which means it **vibrates**. When it vibrates we hear the sound.

**facts**

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Then he wrote some facts under his **second** sub-heading.

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**facts**

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That was easy!

Now he needed to write some facts under his **last** sub-heading.

**Different sounds**

Different sounds

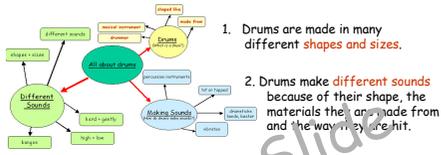
Facts.....

**facts**

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2. Drums make different sounds because of their shape, the materials they are made from and the way they are hit.

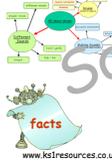
3. The way a drum is hit (hard or gently) and what it is hit with, can change the sound it makes.

4. Some sounds are high and some sounds are low.

5. Bongos are two drums that are joined together. The two drums make different sounds because one drum is smaller than the other.



Now he was ready to write some facts under his last sub-heading.



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His report was almost finished but Pod said ....

You need an interesting comment at the end!



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Dusty knew just what to write at the end of his report ...



Drums really are fascinating and a lot of fun to play. Why don't you pick up a drum and have a go?

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Pod told Dusty.....

If you do it properly your writing will make it's own pattern!

Then he showed Dusty what he meant.



**All About Drums** ← **title**

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**Remember to write a comment at the end!**

All Dusty needed to do then, was write his report in his best writing and send it to his friends.



Do you think they'll enjoy reading about drums?

