

Year 6: South America

Music from the Spanish, French

and Portuguese speaking countries of South and Central America.

Key facts

Latin music

Salsa

A style of music based on Afro-Cuban music, funk and disco, which was developed by the Spanish immigrant communities of New York.

Rumba and Cha-chacha

Cuban dance styles.

Reggaeton

A music style from Puerto Rico that combines latin music with pop music.

Samba

An Afro-Brazilian dance.

Tango

An Argentine dance.

Percussion

Instruments that are played by being hit or shaken, like a drum or claves.



A salsa rhythm

Note name	Symbol	Number of beats	Visual representation
Quaver		half	1/2
Crotchet		one	1
Minim		two	2



Music and dance are very important to Latin American culture.



Clave



Shakers



Bongos



Castanets

Guiros