

Music: Mambo

Watch this clip from the 1961 film *West Side Story*:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXOX_OX97hs

The music was written by a famous American composer called Leonard Bernstein. *West Side Story* takes the story of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and updates it to 1950s New York. It features two gangs, The Sharks and The Jets – two rival street gangs from different ethnic backgrounds.


Now go to this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/ten-pieces-at-home/zjy3382>

This week: Learn and perform Cuban rhythms inspired by Bernstein's 'Mambo'...

Learn Cuban rhythms, create a kitchen percussion section and perform along to the lively 'Mambo' from 'West Side Story' with percussionist Stephen Whibley from the **BBC Concert Orchestra**.


First...

Watch Pixie Lott as she explores romance and revenge in Bernstein's Cuban-inspired piece *Mambo* from *West Side Story*.




Then...

Join BBC Concert Orchestra percussionist Stephen Whibley as he shows you how to create a Cuban Mambo in your kitchen!



Finally...

Get an adult to help you upload your percussion extravaganza for a chance to feature in the Ten Pieces at Home **online showcase**.



Ten Pieces Uploader

Task:

Firstly, watch this video. Then watch this video. Have a go with Stephen at playing to the rhythms.

I'd love to know how you got on. Maybe you could film yourself playing and post it in Class Dojo: Portfolios.