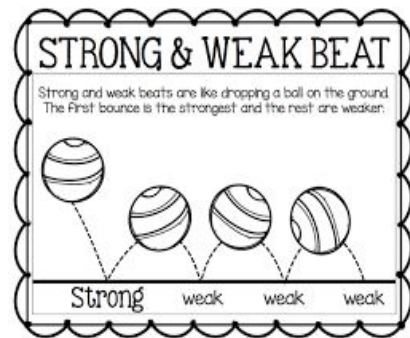


Word of the week w/c 20th February 2023

Music KEYWORD

Syncopation

In music, syncopation is **the accenting of a note which would usually not be accented.** Syncopation is often described as being off beat.



Say: **sin-co-pay-shun**



Syncopation (**sfz**) in [Beethoven's](#) String Quartet in A major, Op. 18, No. 5, 3rd movement, variation I, m. 7–8.

Syncopation is music which creates rhythmical variation. Examples would be:

- A stress (accent) on a beat not usually stressed.
- A rest where there would normally be a beat.
- Use of split-beats.
- Minute delays or advances in the timing of beats.

