

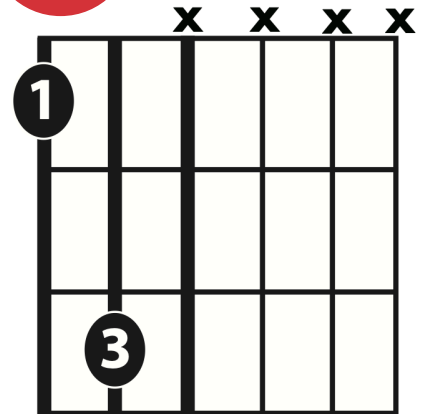
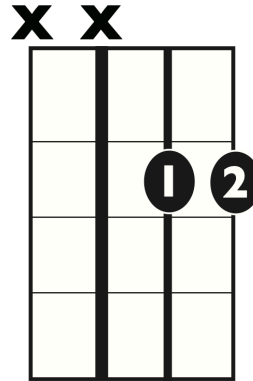
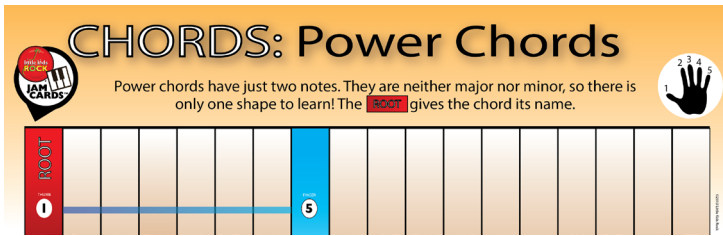


Power Chord Composition - Roll the Dice!



Resources:

Power Chord Shapes



Dice

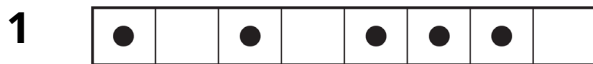
Need some dice? Google "roll dice" and choose from several size options!

Activity

Step 1: Roll the dice 4 times, write down the numbers you got. _____

Step 2: Play your chord progression. Start with four quarter notes on each number.

Step 3: Roll for a new strum pattern.



1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +



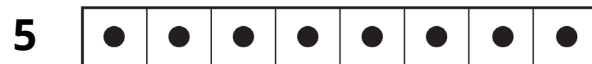
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Extension

1. Record a "demo" of 3-5 of these ideas on a computer or phone. Listen back to pick your favorite!

2. Write your own strum pattern.

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1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

3. Choose a drum track to play along to. You can search "[genre] drum track" on YouTube or SoundCloud and find one that sounds cool to you!

4. Write words to your progression!

To learn more, visit jamzone.littlekidsrock.org



Resources

Cut-Up Machine: <http://www.languageisavirus.com/cutupmachine.php>

Ideas for Text:

- Search "full transcript" for a TV show or movie you like
- Lyrics from a favorite song
- A poetry database, like poets.org
- An interview or speech transcripts

Activity

1. Identify a piece of text, and paste it into the cut-up machine. Which text did you choose?

_____ written by _____

2. Write down 3 interesting phrases/word combinations that came up:

3. Star or highlight one favorite phrase. If you were to write a song incorporating that line, what could the song be about?



Name: _____

Freestyle Mad-Lib

I woke up this morning, feeling _____ .
(feeling)

My hair looked _____ and my mind was _____ .
(adjective) (adjective)

I _____ out of bed and put on my _____ .
(past tense verb) (article of clothing)

Time to take a _____ to _____ .
(mode of transportation) (place)

Steps

1. Fill in the words.
2. Speak along with a beat (beatbox partner or a jam track)
3. Expand by:
 - Rapping
 - Singing
 - Mixing up the cadence/flow



Dynamite by BTS Mad-Lib



Name: _____

'Cause I-I-I'm in the _____ tonight
(place)

So watch me bring the _____ and set the night alight
(thing)

_____ on, get up in the morn'
(article of clothing)

Cup of _____, let's rock and roll
(beverage)

_____, kick the drum, rolling on like a Rolling Stone
(fictional monster)

Sing song when I'm _____ home
(verb in "ing")

Jump up to the top, _____
(something that bounces or jumps)

_____, call me on my phone
(silly noise)

Ice tea and a game of _____
(game)

Try this with a "Dynamite by BTS" karaoke track!

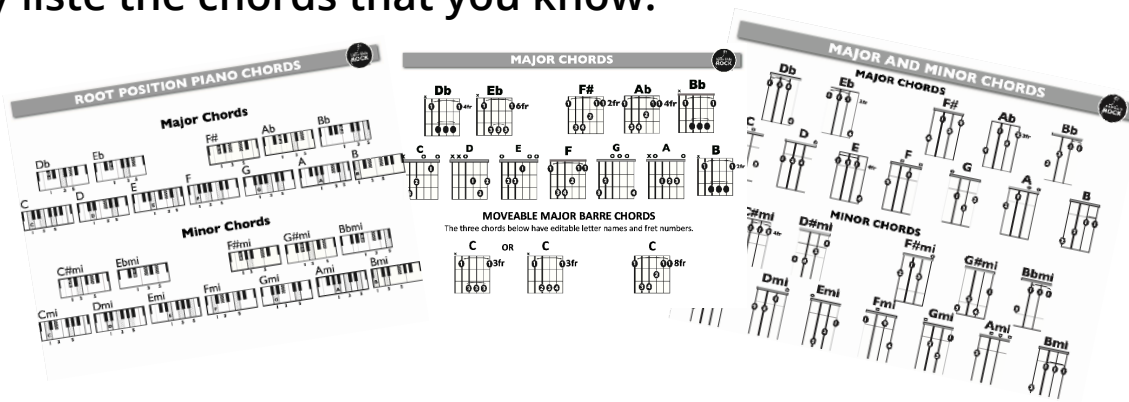


Composition - Chord Scramble



Resources:

Chord Library: If you want to make your own visual “chord library,” you can use the premade chord diagrams on [JamZone](https://www.jamzone.com)! You can also draw out or simply list the chords that you know.



Activity

Step 1: Write down some of the chords you know (at least three). _____

Step 2: Write down a three 2-chord to use for a verse, then pick your favorite

Option 1 - _____

Option 2 - _____

Option 3 - _____

Step 3: Add two more chords to make a four-chord chorus section. Use the same process as before, make three options, test them, and pick a favorite!

Option 1 - _____

Option 2 - _____

Option 3 - _____

Extension

1. Describe your chord progression, does it remind you of a specific genre? Mood/Vibe/Feeling? Location? Song you've heard before?
2. Write lyrics to accompany your chord progression! Alternatively, trade progressions with a friend and write lyrics to go with the chords your partner wrote.