

# Year 5 Autumn Term - What shall we do with the drunken sailor?

## Sticky Knowledge

What shall we do with the drunken sailor? is a type of song called a sea shanty. Sailors would likely have sung this song while hauling up the sail or the anchor on seafaring vessels.


A strong beat for a Shanty man helped to synchronise the task, making it more effective and therefore the job a little easier.





The words of the song describe punishments that could be handed out to a drunken sailor because it's hard work and one less pair of hands makes the work even harder!

A 'shanty man' needs a loud voice, good diction, a good memory for songs, able to pick the right speed for each task on the ship, the ability to make up songs with funny words.)

You can use body percussion patterns to accompany a sea shanty. You can use a rhythm grid to note down your patterns.

 means a crotchet rest

 crotchet

 Pair of quavers.

## Song Bank/Watch/Listen? Move

What shall we do with the drunken sailor?

Rubber chicken

Hey ho! Nobody home

Sea Shanties documentary (BBC4)

Wellerman (TikTok Sea Shanty mashup 2021).

Sea shanty medly (Home Free).

## Key Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Definition
Duration	4/4 time signature, crotchet, quavers, semiquavers.
Pitch	melody, chords, bass note, major, minor.
Tempo	beat, steady beat.
Other	sea shanty, work song, rhythm grid, accompany/accompaniment, cup game/cup rhythm game, body percussion.