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Year: Two

Instruments, including the human voice can be used to replicate the calls of animals.

There are many 'call and response' songs in African folk music.

'Call and response' simply means 'question and answer'.

Untuned instruments are often used to replicate animal sounds.

Call and Response songs are started by the "leader" singing the first line or verse. The rest (chorus) sing /play the response.

Call and response music can also be called 'responsorial'.



Well-known African Responsorial Songs

Key Vocabulary		
call	Asking a question musically.	
response	e Answering a question musically.	
notation	Written symbols to represent musical notes.	
dynamics	Describes how loud or quiet music is (volume).	
Folk music	type of traditional and generally rural music that originally was passed down through families and other small social groups.	
chorus	A part of a song which is repeated after each verse. A large organized group of singers/musicians.	

Things to do at home

Use kidrex to search for and listen to African 'call and response' songs.

Can you work out what is the call and what is the response?

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Lyrics to Kye Kye Kule: a West African

Call and Response song

