

## Educator's Notes

### Activity 1: Is This Jazz?

1. Click on the videos below to play a snippet of the song – approx. 15-20 seconds. The links start the music from an ideal listening point, but you can exercise your own discretion and start or stop at any point.

2. After playing each snippet, ask students if they thought the music they heard was “jazz” or not.

3. If yes, get students to articulate **WHY** it is jazz, preferably with a focus on the elements taught from the video, *Episode 1: How to Listen, Like Really, Really Listen to Jazz*, such as swing rhythm, blues and improvisation. e.g. Sing the ride cymbal pattern: “ting, ting, tuh-ting”, imitate a walking bass: “bom, bom, bom...”, miming a trumpet/saxophone playing many notes in an improvised solo.

4. If no, invite students to examine elements of jazz that are present in the song e.g. Blues melodies or influences in the instrumental or sung melodies.

Suggested answers:

Song Title:	Link/URL:	Jazz or not?	If no, any Jazz elements?
<i>Swingin' At the Haven</i>	<a href="https://youtu.be/4PnfSraM-mg?t=9">https://youtu.be/4PnfSraM-mg?t=9</a>	Jazz!	
<i>Rolling In The Deep</i>	<a href="https://youtu.be/rYEDA3JcQgw?t=58">https://youtu.be/rYEDA3JcQgw?t=58</a>	Not Jazz.	2:40-2:50, blues guitar ad libs in the background of the song.
<i>Fever</i>	<a href="https://youtu.be/JGb5lweiYG8?t=14">https://youtu.be/JGb5lweiYG8?t=14</a>	Jazz!	
<i>All About That Bass</i>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PCkvCPvDXk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PCkvCPvDXk</a>	Not Jazz.	bass line
<i>A Night in Tunisia</i>	<a href="https://youtu.be/6A3SX9LOGQs?t=56">https://youtu.be/6A3SX9LOGQs?t=56</a>	Jazz!	
<i>If I Ain't Got You/Gravity</i>	<a href="https://youtu.be/obkrMiyDrbs?t=200">https://youtu.be/obkrMiyDrbs?t=200</a>	Not Jazz.	Instrumental and vocal improvisation, blues (in later part, guitar solo)
<i>You Are My Sunshine</i>	<a href="https://youtu.be/sPaTTDrVYU?t=1602">https://youtu.be/sPaTTDrVYU?t=1602</a>	Jazz!	
<i>Donna Lee</i>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_iZPUCMgow">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_iZPUCMgow</a>	Jazz!	
<i>Bourbon Street Parade</i>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF4QQwIZuLc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF4QQwIZuLc</a>	Jazz!	