

Level	Name	Description	Age of 'neurotypical' occurrence	Associated level of disability
1	learning to hear	before hearing gets going	prior to three months before birth	coma or vegetative state; the most profound learning difficulties
2	sounds interesting	sound is heard or made as a purely sensory experience	from three months before birth to around nine months	profound learning difficulties
3	copy me copy you	recognising simple patterns: anticipating and copying	from around nine months to around 15 months	severe or profound learning difficulties; may include autism
4	bits of pieces	hearing and creating groups of sounds as meaningful units of musical information, such as ringtones, motifs and riffs	from around 15 months to around 33 months	moderate or severe learning difficulties; may include autism
5	whole songs	intuitively understanding simple musical structures; singing short songs in time and in tune; playing relatively simple pieces	from around 33 months onwards	moderate or severe learning difficulties; may include autism
6	the wider world of music	appreciating music in a mature way as a language of the emotions; performing persuasively within a familiar culture, potentially at an advanced level	in the teenage years	moderate or severe learning difficulties; may include autism