

What is a Christmas carol?

Singing carols in preparation for a Christmas performance.

Key vocabulary

singing, carol, Christmas, performance, rehearse, practise, composer, piano, forte (dynamics), voice, timbre, tempo, pitch (high and low), unison.



Carols:

- Christmas is a time to love
- Away in a Manger
- Little donkey
- Light a candle for peace
- Silent night
- Every Christmas

Must—know knowledge

- Carols are popular songs often performed at Christmas events like carol services.
- A performance is when you play or sing music in front of an audience. It is important to rehearse (practise) to be ready.
- Pitch is how high or low a note sounds.
- Piano means quiet and forte means loud.



Must—skills

- **Listen** to performances of Christmas carols and talk about them.
- **Sing** in time and in tune with others.
- **Rehearse** a repertoire of Christmas carols.
- **Perform songs** confidently.
- **Sing** with dynamics— piano and forte

