

**Melodic Direction**

**Trend Task**

*Approach:* Station

*Level:* Year 4 and year 8

*Focus:* Selecting, from two or three options, the music notation that fits a performed musical phrase.

*Resources:* Video recording on a laptop computer.

*Questions/instructions:*

- Click on the button that says **Melodic Direction**.  
Click the **Play** button, to watch the video.  
The computer will tell you what to do.  
If it doesn't, tell the teacher.

*Students were asked to listen to each phrase played, and select which of the music notation options fitted with the phrase. The first phrase was an example to show what to do.*

Put a tick in the box to show your answer.

Example	% responses		4.	% responses	
	2000 ('96) year 4	2000 ('96) year 8		2000 ('96) year 4	2000 ('96) year 8
				70 (64)	85 (84)
<p>1.</p>					
	68 (75)	96 (96)		65 (63)	79 (80)
<p>2.</p>				28 (27)	25 (29)
	74 (80)	94 (92)			
<p>3.</p>					
	63 (60)	70 (80)	<p><b>Total score:</b></p>		
			6	7 (9)	14 (19)
			4-5	55 (51)	70 (68)
			2-3	28 (31)	14 (11)
			0-1	10 (9)	2 (2)

*Commentary:*

The final item was clearly too hard, with success no better than guessing. On the other items about 20 percent more year 8 than year 4 students performed well. Differences between 1996 and 2000 were small.