

# Music and the Media

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## Television

Most of the music we hear on television is either **theme music** or music used in advertisements.

## Theme Music

Almost every television programme has a piece of music played at the beginning and again at the end of the programme, even the 'news' broadcasts. There are 2 main reasons for this:

1. The music helps us to identify the programme  
The theme music of some programmes often becomes very well known and you can tell which programme is about to start, even if you are in another room and you can only hear the theme music.
2. The music provides a good background for the 'credits'  
The 'credits' are the lists of names of all the people who have helped make the programme, including actors, cameramen, electricians, etc.

## Listening

Identify the four themes from popular t.v. programmes.

THEME	PROGRAMME
A	
B	
C	
D	

## Music for Films

Music is also very important in films. Composers are often asked to write specific music for films to fit a particular mood or theme. For example, the music for a cartoon film, such as Rugrats, would have a completely different mood to the theme music for an action movie such as Mission Impossible.

*Listen to the example and comment on whether it would be appropriate for use in a romantic film.*