

The Hybrid Music System for the BBC Microcomputer

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Hybrid Music System - WORKSHEET 0 (Introduction)

Using the computer keyboard

For the most part, you will need to use only a few of the computer's keys. They are:

- SHIFT (there are two of these, at left & right, and you can use either)
- up, down, left, and right arrows (at the right side)
- RETURN (below the arrows)
- TAB (at the left side)

You use these keys with a light **tapping** action - generally, they are not to be held down like door bell buttons! Having said that, sometimes you may want to hold down the arrow keys for a prolonged effect.

The exception to this rule is the SHIFT key. This is used at the same time as a tapped key - you press and hold SHIFT, tap the other key, then release SHIFT.

Using the computer screen

The screen displays the material you are working on, and other information, some of which may be of no interest to you and can be ignored.

The most important item on the screen is the **cursor** - a flashing white block or line, or a steady pink bar. It marks the main point at which your key-presses take effect, and you can move it around using the arrow keys. If you think of the whole screen as a control panel, the cursor represents your hand.

