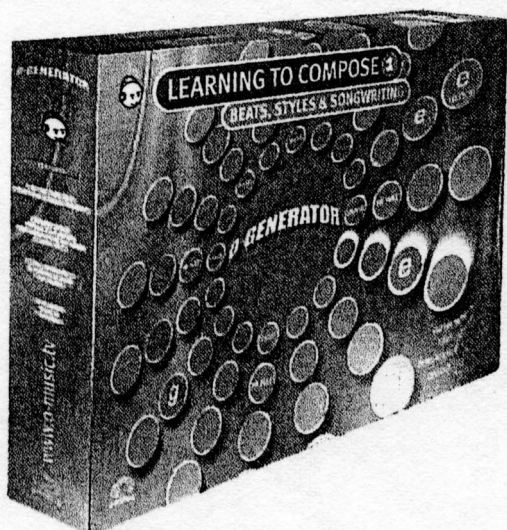


O-Generator

Music KS2, 3



Interim product evaluation

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Cost Stand-alone £69,
network licence: from £129 (5 users) to
£299 (unlimited)

CD-rom

O-Generator aims to teach pupils and students the processes of musical composition through the use of an innovative circular composition grid.

The O-Generator device is a circular representation of a bar of music, on to which students place their own beats, rhythms and melodies. The design is original in its use of the circular composition grid instead of the usual linear format. This layout allows users to understand the construction of each bar and its beat division easily. The O-Instructor guides each student through the composition process over a course of nine lessons that are in line with the national curriculum. The teacher controls lessons using the step-by-step teacher's lesson guide on a projector screen. O-Generator provides structured music lessons with creative objectives, activities, outcomes and assessments. Assessment by means of questions and answers ensures students have learned the key points of a lesson.

The software uses contemporary musical instruments and styles, which allows students to compose the kind of music they would listen to. O-Generator represents an alternative way for students to compose music without using preset loops, which means students have more control over their compositions and can gain a better understanding of the composition process.