

Music

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Preview links to assess whether videos are suitable for viewing. Alternatively, the music can be played without visuals or whilst reading lyrics.

Name of song	Type of riff (melodic, chordal or combination)	Number of times played	Instrument/s playing the riff
Seven nation army by The White Stripes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0J2QdDbelmY (00:03:52)	combination (bass melodic riff sections – rhythm guitar chordal riff sections)	27 (four bar riff) extra note in rhythm guitar chordal riff	bass guitar
U can't touch this by MC Hammer https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otCpCn0l4Wo (00:04:30)	melodic	26 – 28 times (four bar riff)	bass (synthesiser)
Back in black by AC/DC https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAgnJDJN4VA (00:04:14)	chordal (some single notes thrown in)	6 (four bar riff)	rhythm guitar
Treat you better by Shawn Mendes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ly2yjAdbvdQ (00:04:16)	melodic	12 – 14 (four bar riff)	acoustic guitar (palm muted)
Ice, ice baby by Vanilla Ice https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rog8ou-ZepE (00:04:00)	melodic – riff A taken from Under pressure by Queen	riff A 20 times (two bar riff)	
Under pressure by Queen https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a01QQZyl-I (00:04:00)	melodic	15 (two bar riff)	bass
She's a genius by Jet https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVA799gKNzo (00:03:21)	melodic	10 (two bar riff)	lead guitar
You can call me Al by Paul Simon https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uq-gYOrU8bA (00:04:35)	chordal	Approx. 15 times (as four bar riff)	synthesiser
Highway tune by Greta Van Fleet https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJg4OJxp-co (00:03:01)	melodic	16 (four bar riff)	lead guitar

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I like me better by Lauv https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcqxLCWn-CE (00:03:25)	melodic	7 (four bar riff) intro is only part of riff	synthesiser
Pretty fly for a white guy by The Offspring https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nmwm4BGNVjY (00:03:13) (lyrics video)	combination (rhythm guitar chordal riff section – bass playing melodic riff)	18 (two bar riff)	rhythm guitar
Do I wanna know? by the Arctic Monkeys https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpOSxM0rNPM (00:04:25)	melodic	12 (four bar riff) the 6th and 10th times are incomplete	lead guitar
Uptown funk by Mark Ronson ft. Bruno Mars https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPf0YbXqDm0 (00:04:30)	melodic	21 (as four bar riff) 15th, 19th and 21st times are incomplete	male voices (synthesised)
Beat it by Michael Jackson https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRdxUFD0Qe0 (00:04:58)	melodic	20 (four bar riff)	guitar