



# YouDJ Video 7: Crossfading Songs



## Objective

Students will arrange an original mix by using the cross fader to switch between songs.

## Key Terms

**Mixing songs:** transitioning seamlessly from one song to another while maintaining a steady beat and tempo.

## Procedures

1. Students will begin exploring the mixer fader by switching back and forth between the left and right turntable.
2. Once students feel comfortable with using the mixer fader, they can begin choosing two songs that they would like to mix together.
3. Students can load one song onto the left turntable and the second song onto the right turntable.
4. Students can begin to decide at what point in the song to begin transitioning over to the second song.
5. The goal is for students to choose an appropriate moment in the song to transition out and also to choose an appropriate moment in the song to transition into.
6. Through trial and error, students will begin to refine their mixing process and will develop their own preferences for when to jump in and out of songs.

## Extension

1. Students who feel comfortable sharing, can demonstrate to the class their own personal mixing techniques by modeling how and when they would transition from one song to the next.

## Assessment

When possible, students can film a short video of their screen to demonstrate an understanding of how to use the cross fader to switch between songs.

## National Core Arts Standards

MU:Cr1.1 .T.1a Generate melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic ideas for compositions and improvisations using digital tools.