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**Sound effects** — **Freesound** at [www.freesound.org](http://www.freesound.org)

**Music** — There are lots of sites! Here are a few of the best:

**Jamendo** at [www.jamendo.com/en](http://www.jamendo.com/en)

**CCMixer** at [ccmixter.org](http://ccmixter.org) features CC-licensed remixes.

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**FMA** at [FreeMusicArchive.org](http://FreeMusicArchive.org) has 15 genres to search.

Each genre has subgenres to help you find what you want.

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