1. a musical instrument made of a hollow round frame with plastic or skin stretched tightly across one or both ends. You play it by

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hitting it with sticks or with your hands

 There was a great crash and then a long roll of drums. 2. a large container for oil or chemicals, shaped like a †cylinder

· a bass drum • Tony Cox on drums · to play the drums a regular drum beat

• a 50 gallon drum · an oil drum

3. a thing shaped like a drum, especially part of a machine

 \bullet The mixture flows to a revolving drum where the water is filtered out.

more at march to (the beat of) a different drummer/drum at march

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Middle Dutch or Low German tromme, of imitative origin.

Example Bank:

· Hazardous waste is stored in drums until it can be disposed of.

Idioms: †beat the drum = †drum something into somebody's head

Derived 1 drum somebody out = 1 drum something into somebody = 1 drum something up

verb (-mm-)

- 1. intransitive to play a drum
- 2. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) on sth to make a sound by hitting a surface again and again
 - Impatiently, he drummed his fingers on the table.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	drum
	BrE /dr.xm/
	NAmE /dram/
he / she /it	drums
	BrE /drxmz/
	NAmE /dramz/
past simple, past participle	drummed
	BrE /drxmd/
	NAmE /dramd/
-ing form	drumming
	BrE /dr.nman/
	NAME /dramin/

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Example Bank:

· His fingers drummed on the door frame.

drum

I. drum¹ /drʌm/ BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

Date: 1500-1600, Origin: Probably from Dutch trom

a musical instrument made of skin stretched over a circular frame, played by hitting it with your hand or a stick:

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- a big bass drum
- 1,000 people marched, beating drums and carrying flags.

on drums

- Trumpeter Red Rodney was playing with Kenny Clarke on drums (=playing the drums).
- Jones played the drums in an all-girl band.
- 2. a large round container for storing liquids such as oil, chemicals etc:
 - a 5 gallon oil drum
- 3. something that looks like a drum, especially part of a machine:
 - a brake drum
- 4. bang/beat the drum for somebody/something to speak eagerly in support of someone or something:
 - The company is banging the drum for their new software.
- 5. the drum of something a sound like the sound a drum makes:

the drum of the rain on the window

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- II. drum² BrE * AmE * verb (past tense and past participle drummed, present participle drumming)
 - 1. [intransitive] to play a drum
 - 2. [intransitive and transitive] to make a sound similar to a drum by hitting a surface again and again:
 - I could hear the rain drumming against the windows.
 - Lisa drummed her fingers impatiently on the table.
 - 3. drum something home to use repeated arguments or messages in order to make sure that people understand something:

An information booklet will be available and press advertisements will drum home the message.

drum something into somebody phrasal verb

to keep telling someone something until they cannot forget it:

'Don't talk to strangers' is a message drummed into children.

drum somebody out of something phrasal verb

to force someone to leave an organization, place, or job:

He was drummed out of the army.

drum something ↔up phrasal verb

to get support, interest, attention etc from people by making an effort:

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- He travelled throughout Latin America drumming up support for the confederation.
- The organization is using the event to drum up business (=get more work and sales).

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