PSYCO 354 Quiz 6

Define the term 'tone probe method'. Why is this term important to the study of musical cognition?

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The tone probe method is a method used to study musical cognition. It involves presenting a musical context, like a scale, and then presenting a tone as a probe. Participants rate how well the probe completes the context, or fits into the context.

It is important to the study of musical cognition because the tone probe method reliably shows that not all tones fit into the context equally well. Some tones are better fits to a context than others. This led Krumhansl to propose a mental representation that listener's use to organize musical tones as they hear them. This is an example of the agent using mental representations to actively organize musical stimuli.