

# Music Vocabulary List, Year 7

Students are explicitly taught vocabulary as part of their lessons using our 'say it, write it, test it' approach.

Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Keyword	Definition	Keyword	Definition	Keyword	Definition
Pitch	High or low sounds	Time signature	the number of beats in a bar	Djembe	An African drum (pronounced "JEM-bae")
Duration	long or short sounds, groups of beats, rhythm	Quaver	notes that last half a beat - faster notes	Polyrhythm	Multiple rhythms playing together
Dynamics	loud or soft playing of sections of music	Crotchet	notes that last a full beat - slower	Cross rhythm	The same rhythm playing at different times
Tempo	fast, slow, speed of the pulse	Bars	groups of notes that added together will be the number of beats in the bar	Call and Response	A typical feature in African music where one or more performers play or sing a 'call' section which is then followed by a 'response' from other performers.
Timbre	different instruments sounds	Composition	Creating musical ideas	Tone	Creating different sounds by playing an instrument in different ways
Texture	different ways sounds are combined or layered together	Notation	Ways music can be shown in written form		
Structure	the way ideas are organised, verse , chorus etc	Melody	The tune in a piece of music		
Pizzicato	To play the strings with the fingers (plucked)	Accompaniment	The musical parts playing under the melody		
Tremelo	To rapidly play a note over and over	Composition	The process of creating a piece of music		

# Music Vocabulary List, Year 8

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Keyword	Definition	Keyword	Definition	Keyword	Definition
Melody	The tune in a piece of music	Chords	Where multiple notes are played together	scales	a pattern of musical notes going up or down stepwise
Bass line	The lowest pitched part of the music	Reggae	A style of music from Jamaica	Improvisation	Creating musical ideas as you are performing them (rather than composition ideas which are adapted and refined after being created)
Hooks	A repeated musical pattern normally in the melody	Major	A tonality in music, usually sounds happy	Swung	Playing musically with a 'bouncy' jazz feel
Riffs	A repeated musical pattern in the baseline	Minor	A tonality in music, usually sounds sad	Ostinato	A repeated musical pattern normally in the bass part
		Metronome	A device that helps keep a performer playing in time by clicking along to each beat		

# Music Vocabulary List, Year 9

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Keyword	Definition	Keyword	Definition	Keyword	Definition
Leitmotif	A characters melody (tune) in a film	Minimalism	A style of music which uses repeated patterns of music which subtly change	MIDI	Musical Instrument Digital Interface. The creation of musical ideas through computer technology, where ideas are created digitally and can be adapted through a recording studio set up
Orchestration	Choosing different instruments to play a musical part and combining different instruments together	layering	Building up or taking away different lines of music which when combined play together	Audio	The recording of audio files
		Melody	The tune of the piece of music	Effects	Adapting the way a musical instrument sounds by adding an effect to this
		Harmony	The accompaniment to the tune, often playing the same pattern in minimalism but on different notes		
		Texture	Phasing in different sounds (see layering)		
		Looping	Repeating a musical idea over and over again		
		Mute	Making a musical part silent		