

Y7 Knowledge Map – The Elements of Music

Key vocabulary / concepts	What knowledge is required:
Timbre	The personality or tone of a sound. eg. a violin sounds different from a trumpet
Texture	The musical word for the layers of a piece of music. How many instruments are playing at one time. Solo, Duo, Trio, Octet, Full Orchestra
Dynamics	The musical word for changes in volume. Describing how loud or quiet the music is.
Tempo	The musical word for speed of the pulse in music. Describing how fast or slow the music is.
Duration	The musical word for how long or short a note lasts . One beat; four beats etc.
Pitch	The musical word for how high or low a note is. You could also describe the name of the exact note letter name. eg. A B C D E F or G
Melody	The `TUNE` of a piece of music... the main part you might sing
Harmony	Harmony supports the melody and gives the music texture or mood.
Structure/Form	The overall plan of a piece of music ; it describes the layout of a composition as divided into sections. Form is the shape of the plan in sections eg. A-B [BINARY FORM] A-B-A [TERNARY FORM] A-B-A-C-A-D-A [RONDO FORM] VERSE and CHORUS
Rhythm	The musical word for a strong regular patterns of beats . Often repeating.
Silence	The absence of sound .