

Singing Stars: Year 4 Music Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand the key terminology and techniques used in vocal performance.

Read each flashcard to learn the definition. Use these cards to test your knowledge of how to use your voice effectively when singing.

Posture

Keeping your back straight and feet shoulder-width apart to help your lungs expand fully while singing.

Pitch

How high or low a musical note sounds.

Dynamics

The volume of the music, such as soft (piano) or loud (forte).

Tempo

The speed at which a piece of music is sung.

Breath control

Using the muscles in your tummy to release air steadily, allowing you to sing long phrases without stopping.

Diction

How clearly you pronounce words so that the audience can understand the lyrics.

Unison

When everyone in a group sings the exact same notes at the same time.

Harmony

When different groups of singers sing different notes that sound pleasant when heard together.

Ensemble

A group of musicians or singers performing together.

Articulation

The way notes are joined together or separated, such as smooth (legato) or short and detached (staccato).