

Max’s Music Vocabulary Mat

Learning objective: To learn and understand key musical elements to describe sounds and songs.

Key Vocabulary

Use this mat to help you talk about music. Look at the categories to find the right word. Use the word bank at the bottom to help you spell your answers.

Pulse The steady heartbeat of the music that...	Rhythm The pattern of long and short sound...	Tempo How fast or slow the music is played.
Dynamics How loud or quiet the music is.	Pitch How high or low a sound is.	Texture How many layers of sound are playi...
Timbre The special 'colour' or quality of a so...	Staccato Playing notes short and detached.	Legato Playing notes smooth and connected.
Crescendo Getting gradually louder.	Diminuendo Getting gradually quieter.	Solo One person playing or singing alone.
Ensemble A group of people playing music t...	Melody The main tune of the song.	Beat The basic unit of time in music.
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Describe a sound...		