

TALK LIKE A... MUSICIAN

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→ RESPONDING TO MUSIC

Beat

- The steady pulse in a piece of music.
- The beat is...
 - clear
 - consistent
 - steady
 - regular
 - subtle
 - irregular
- The beat is created by the ...

Tempo

- The speed of a piece of Music
 - Very slow (snail's pace) = **Largo**
 - Slow** (leisurely) = **Adagio**
 - Medium** (walking pace) = **Andante**
 - Quick** (lively) = **Allegro**
 - Very fast** = **Presto**
- The tempo is ...
 - ... at the beginning/ ... in the middle
 - ... at the end/ ... throughout.

Rhythm

- The pattern of sound, silence and emphasis in a song.
- The rhythm is ...
 - steady
 - slow
 - calm
 - fast
 - lively
 - upbeat
- at the start ...
- in the middle
- at the end...

Form

- The structure or arrangement of a song.
- The song has a ... form.
 - Rondo (ABACA) = Alternating first section with contrasting section.
 - Binary (AB) = 2 part form.
 - Ternary (ABA) = 3 part form

Melody

- A series of pitches that make a tune. The backbone of a song.
- The melody is ...
 - light
 - bouncy
 - smooth
 - harmonious
 - dulcet
 - dark
 - heavy
 - energetic
 - harsh
 - discordant
- at the start ...
- in the middle
- at the end...
- The climax of the melody is created by ...

Dynamics

- How loud or soft the music is.
 - Very quiet = **Pianissimo**
 - Quiet** = **Piano**
 - Moderately loud** = **Mezzo Forte**
 - Loud** = **Forte**
 - Very loud** = **Fortissimo**
- The dynamics are ...
 - at the start/ in the middle/ at the end

The ... gets gradually quieter/ louder.
... builds to a gradual/ sudden crescendo/ diminuendo.

Texture

- The effect of the different layers of sound in a piece of music.
- The density is thick/ busy (many layers/ instruments)
- The density is thin/ sparse (few layers/ instruments)
- adds interest to the texture of the melody.

monophony = single melody
homophony = melody with accompaniment
polyphony = multiple melodies at the same time

Timbre

- The unique sound quality of an instrument or sound.
- The ... creates a ... sound.
 - rich
 - warm
 - mellow
 - smooth
 - silky
 - flat
 - rough
 - piercing
 - nasal
 - breathy

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In this piece, I can hear ...

This music reminds me of ...

I like this music because ...

I find this piece ... because ...

I don't like this music because ...

This music reminds me of ... because ...

When I listen to this music I feel ... because ...

In my mind, I can picture ... when I hear ...

If I had to choose colours, this song would be ... because ...

The most ... part of this piece is ...

I particularly like how ...

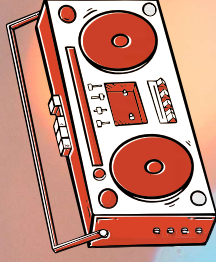


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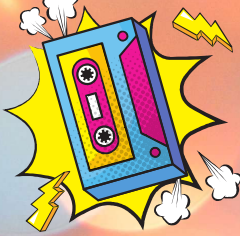


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hip hop



pop

rhythm and blues

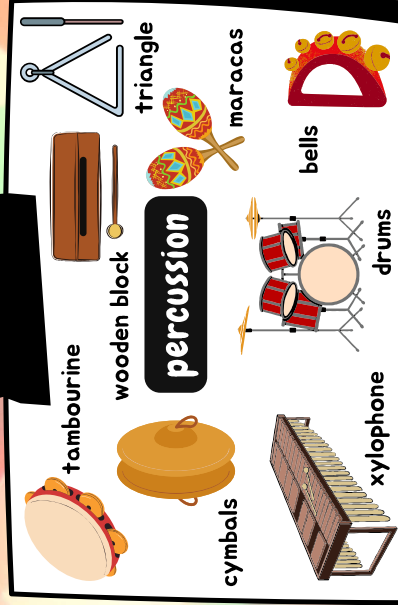


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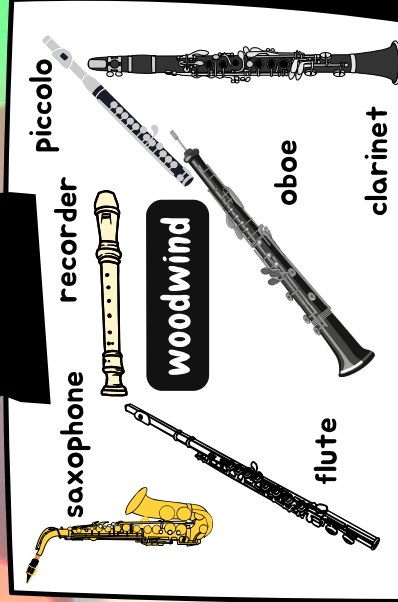
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jazz



percussion



woodwind



brass



strings