

ELEMENTS OF MUSIC 2

Key Vocabulary for Primary Schools

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MUSIC

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IMPROVISATION

Making Music Up
In the moment using musical techniques to guide

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CHORDS

A type of accompaniment
More than one pitch played at the same time.

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SCALE

Pitches played in order
Ascending / Descending
Major / Minor / Pentatonic

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PENTATONIC SCALE

5 Pitch scale

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DRONE

Low Sustained Note

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COMPOSER

Somebody who writes music

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CONDUCTOR

Leads the Orchestra
Changes the tempo, dynamics, instrumentation

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ORCHESTRA

Big Group of Instruments
Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion

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SYNCOPIATION

Emphasising offbeats
Creates a catchy danceable rhythm

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ACCOMPANIMENT

Support to the melody
Chords / Rhythm / Beat / Ostinato / Drone

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LYRICS

The words of a song
Organised into verses and choruses.

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CALL & RESPONSE

Question and answer
A musical conversation between two parts.

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