

Y11 Music Knowledge Organiser

Syncopated rhythm



Straight Rhythm



Dynamics in Music Definitions and Symbols		
Term	Symbol	Definition
Fortississimo	<i>fff</i>	very, very loud
Fortissimo	<i>ff</i>	very loud
Forte	<i>f</i>	loud
Mezzo forte	<i>mf</i>	a little loud
Mezzo piano	<i>mp</i>	a little soft
Piano	<i>p</i>	soft
Pianissimo	<i>pp</i>	very soft
Pianississimo	<i>ppp</i>	very, very soft
Crescendo	>	gradually getting louder
Decrescendo	<	gradually getting softer
Sforzando	<i>sfz</i>	suddenly, with a sudden emphasis

Types of Musical Forms or Structures		
Type	Definition	Diagram
Monothematic	a piece of music based on a single melodic idea	● ● ● ● ●
Binary	a piece of music with two main sections A B or A A B B	● ▲
Ternary	a piece of music with three sections, the third is a return to the first A B A	● ▲ ●
Rondo	a piece of music with a return to the first section with a different section in between A B A C A	● ▲ ● ● ●

Types of Texture		
Type	Definition	Diagram
Monophonic	a single, unaccompanied melodic line	
Homophonic	melody with accompaniment	
Polyphonic	more than one melody performed at the same time	
Heterophonic	two melodic lines that follow each other, but with more ornamentation in the main melody	

Week 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the abbreviation for piano and what does it mean? 2. What is the abbreviation for forte and what does it mean? 3. What is the difference between pianissimo and fortissimo? 4. What does the word mezzo mean? 5. What is the difference between crescendo and diminuendo? 	<p>Name any other dynamic words you know.</p> <p>What is the purpose of dynamics in a piece of music?</p>
Week 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does monophonic mean? 2. What does polyphonic mean? 3. Give one example of homophonic. 4. Give a second example of homophonic. 5. What texture would four voices singing together be? 	<p>Give an example of monophonic texture.</p> <p>Give an example of polyphonic texture.</p>
Week 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draw an example of a simple time rhythm. 2. What beats do syncopated rhythms fall on? 3. What does a dot mean when it follows a note? 4. Draw a long note and name it. 5. Draw a short note and name it. 	<p>How many time signatures can you identify?</p> <p>What genre of music uses syncopated rhythms? What genre of music uses call and response rhythms?</p>
Week 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Binary structure? 2. What is Ternary structure? 3. What is Rondo structure? 4. What is the purpose of structure in a piece of music? 5. What is a feature of a B section in a piece of music? 	<p>Name of piece of music that is written in ternary structure.</p> <p>What do we call music that hasn't got a definite structure?</p>
Week 5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is another name for a melody? 2. What is a melody made up of? 3. Explain what conjunct means. 4. Explain what disjunct means. 5. Do ascending and descending melodies move in step and, if so, why? 	<p>Name any melodic techniques that make melodic writing interesting.</p> <p>What is another word for conjunct?</p> <p>What is another word for disjunct?</p>
Week 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name three string instruments. 2. Name three brass instruments. 3. Name three woodwind instruments. 4. Name three percussion instruments. 5. What is the meaning of timbre? 	<p>Name the instruments in a String Quartet.</p> <p>Name two keyboard instruments other than piano and keyboard.</p>