



Year 7

Topic – Elements of music

Keywords to learn

Dynamics – How loud or quiet the music is.

Pitch- The highness or lowness of a sound.

Elements of music – The main key points to describe music.

Clichés- Music in its most common form.

Rhythm – A pattern of notes and how they are grouped together

Pitch – How high or how low a note sounds.

Harmony – The section of music that supports the tune.

Melody– A melody is a tune that is made up of different notes. It can be played on many different pitched instruments or it can be sung.

Timbre – The sound of an instrument.

Structure – The way music is made up or built

Evaluating – Using musical language to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of your piece of music



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Topic – Melody and scales

Keywords to learn

Melody– A melody is a tune that is made up of different notes. It can be played on many different pitched instruments or it can be sung.

Pitch – How high or how low a note sounds.

Ascending – Going up - notes that go up in pitch moving by step.

Descending – Going down – notes that go down in pitch moving by step.

Scale – A group or set of notes put together in a certain order.

Major scale – An 8 note scale that sounds happy.

Minor scale – An 8 note scale that sounds sad.

Pentatonic scale – A 5 note scale that is used in Chinese music.

Improvisation - To make up a melody or rhythm on the spot.

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Topic – Instruments of the Orchestra

Keywords to learn

Orchestra – A type of musical ensemble.

Strings – One of the four families of the orchestra, this family is made up of instruments that use strings with the main instruments being the violin, viola, cello and double bass.

Woodwind - One of the four families of the orchestra, the main instruments of this family are the flute, clarinet, oboe and bassoon.

Brass - One of the four families of the orchestra, this family is made up of instruments that are made of brass with the main instruments being the trumpet, trombone, tuba and French horn.

Percussion - One of the four families of the orchestra, this family is made up of instruments that are hit/beaten.

Timbre – The sound of an instrument.

Ensemble – A group of musicians.

Composing – To make up your own music.

Performing – Playing music to others.