

The Elements of Music and their definition

These are essential to know for every topic at KS3! These elements of music are involved in every topic over the 3 years at KS3.

1. Dynamics - The volume of the music

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2. Duration- The length of a sound

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3. Harmony- The relationship of notes

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4. Melody - The main tune

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5. Metre - How many beats in a bar

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6. Pitch - How high or low the sound is

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7. Rhythm - The pattern of the notes

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8. Structure - The sections of the music

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9. Tempo - The speed of the music

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10. Timbre - The sound of an instrument

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11. Tonality - The mood of the music

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Instruments and bits linked to the topic



12. This is a grand piano. You can get keyboards, upright pianos and digital pianos.

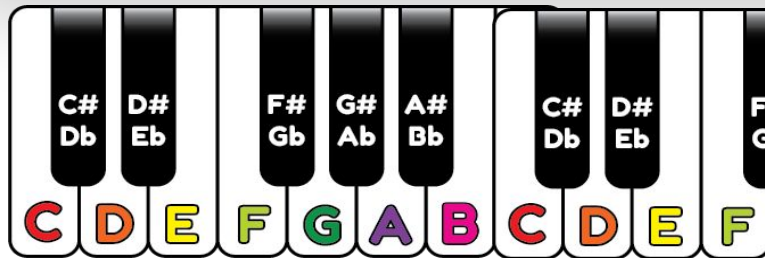


13. This is the icon for Logic Pro X, this is the music software we will use on the computers.

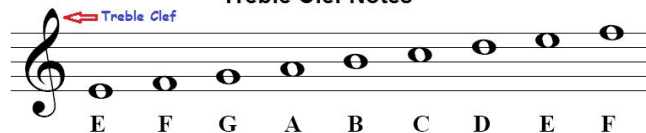


14. These are headphones. They stay plugged into the computer. They clip on the left of the screen at the end of the lesson.

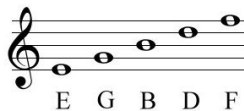
Knowledge Organiser: The music Basics



Treble Clef Notes



Line Notes



Space Notes



15. This is a diagram of notes on a piano. The white keys have no sharps or flats (# or b). **C is to left of the two black keys**, remember this as it will help you! The black keys have two names, either a sharp name or a flat name.

16. This is a staff (the 5 lines). The sign at the start of the 5 lines is called a treble clef. **Space notes** - spell FACE. **Line notes** have a rhyme - Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge.

17. Forte - Meaning loud dynamics

18. Piano - Meaning quiet dynamics

19. Presto - Meaning fast tempo

20. largo - Meaning slow tempo