

## 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. Bar - A bar in music is a measurement of time. The bar length will change depending on the time signature.

13. Time Signature - A time signature is a measurement of time. A common time signature is 4/4 meaning 4 quarter notes (crotchets) per bar.

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14. Automation - This is a technique where you press 'A' on the typing keyboard to open up the advanced settings. This allows you to alter the dynamics, panning and add effects such as reverb, echo and chorus.

15. Panning - This is where the sound moves between the stereo field. You can set it to remain static or have it move by using automation, number 14.

16. Reverb - This is where the sound continues and sounds like you are in a large room unlike Echo where it repeats gradually getting quieter.

17. Multitracking - This is where multiparts are recorded at once.

18. Arrangement - This refers to how the music is put together. If you arrange music you are not composing the music but rather simply recreating an existing piece.

19. Balance and Levels - This refers to the volume of a track. It can be manually set as one volume or you can change it with automation (number 14).

20. Loop - This refers to a repeated section on logic. A loop is created by using the orange oval with arrows. This allows you to repeat a section to listen to it or to play along to it.

