

## 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 info linked to the topic

12. This is a Sitar. It is a string instrument. This usually plays a melody which is mostly improvised.

15. This is a tabla. It is a percussion instrument. This provides the rhythm.

18. This is a tanpura. It is a string instrument. It often plays the drone underneath the raga.

# Knowledge Organiser: Indian Raga

13. Improvisation = Improvisation means to make up on the spot. Often used in jazz music, musicians look at the notes available to them and they play around with them. Sometimes they repeat ideas and sometimes they keep inventing new sounds. This is one of the main features of Indian Raga music.

14. Raga = A raga is a type of scale. In Western music we have major and minor scales. In Indian music they often use a raga. Our raga is called the Kharuv raga and it uses 5 notes.

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16. Drone = A drone is a harmonic device. It is where a long sustained sound is played often on a string instrument such as the tanpura, sarangi or sarod.

Our drone uses 2 notes (insert notes) to the rhythm Tea, coffee, Tea, Tea.

17. Arrangement = This is how you put the music together. The different sections such as the introduction, development and ending.



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