

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. AABA - This refers to the song structure. There are 4 parts, the first two are similar, the third is different and the final parts is the same as the first. This is a type of structure/form.

Knowledge Organiser: AABA

13. Phrase - This is a musical sentence. Love Me Tender has 4 bar phrases. This means each idea lasts 4 bars. A singer would sing this in one breath.

14. Repetition - Often in music ideas are repeated. In LMT, The first ideas is repeated 3 times but the third time it is slightly altered.

15. Key. The key of this piece is C major. This uses all the white keys on a keyboard. There are no sharps or flats (# of b)

16. Chord - A chord is where 2 or more notes are played at the same time. Some students may move onto playing chords that work with this piece of music.

C

Love me tender,

D7

Love me sweet,

G G7 C

Never let me go.

C D7

You have made my life
complete,

G G7 C G

And I love you so.

C E

Love me tender,

Am C7

Love me true,

Dm F C G

All my dreams fulfilled.

C A7 D7

For my darlin I love you,

G C G

And I always will.