

rhythm

Combinations of long and short sounds that convey movement.



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duration

The length of a sound.



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pitch

How high or low a sound is.



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tempo

The speed of the music.



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pulse

The underlying steady beat of music. This is what we may tap our foot or clap along with.



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beat

The basic unit of time within music.



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timbre

The particular tone that distinguishes a sound or combination of sounds.



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texture

The layers of sound in a musical work and the relationship between them.



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melody

A sequence of notes and rhythms.



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structure

Refers to the way a piece is built and what order sections are in.



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harmony

The sounding of two or more notes at the same time.



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dynamics

The variation in loudness between notes or phrases.



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