

Music vocabulary

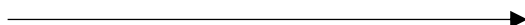


Vocabulary Pyramid

Music vocabulary Sept 2023-July 2024

Reception/Year 1

Summer



body percussion, brass,
conductor, dynamics, fast,
inspire, instruments, layer, loud,
mood, percussion, performance,
pitch, quiet, represent, slow,
sounds, speed, strings, vocal
sounds, volume, woodwind

Termly composer study suggestions: Listen to a variety of music from different composer to expose the children to many styles of music.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/key-stage-1-music/zvnhxyc>

Spring



body percussion, chant, clap, copy, drum,
instrument, in time, shaker, percussion
instrument, perform, play, pulse, rhythm,
sing, syllables

Autumn

actions, action songs, sign language, Makaton, deaf,
communication, communicating, understand, lyrics, verse, beat,
music, heartbeat, pulse, steady, repeat, constant, drum,
piece, composer, tempo, fast, moderate, medium, slow, dance,
pitch, high, low, sound, whistle, triangle, siren, cello, perform,
performance, audience

voice, voice sounds, sound, instrument, loud, quiet, high, low, squeaky, soft,
deep, body sounds, body percussion, sound, tempo, fast, slow, rhythm, beat,
instrumental sounds, tempo, fast, quickly, slowly, dynamic, loudly, quietly,
environmental sounds, pitch, middle, nature sounds

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Year 2/3

*words in **bold** indicate new vocabulary

Summer

Apply vocabulary learned during instrumental unit: South Africa

Termly composer study suggestions:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/classical-music-early-years/znvhrj6>

- No Place Like by Kerry Andrew
- Mars from The Planets by Gustav Holst
- Finlandia by Jean Sibelius
- The Lark Ascending by Vaughan Williams

Spring

ballad, chorus, compose, dynamics, emotion, **ensemble**, facial expressions, features, feelings, instrumentals, lyrics, melodies, **nonsense words**, performances, phrases, poems, pop song, rehearse, rhyme, solo, stanza, story mountain, summarise, tune, verse, vocabulary, volume

beat, **composer**, composition, dynamics, emotion, imitate, letter, melody, notation, notes, pattern, performance, pulse, represent, rhythm, sound effects, timbre, tune, volume

Autumn

actions, brass, characters, clarinet, composition, cymbals, dynamics, **emotion**, French horn, instrumental sounds, musicians, oboe, orchestra, **orchestral**, percussion, performing, sections, string, sound effect, tempo, timbre, trombone, tuba, vocals, woodwind

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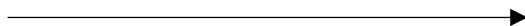
Year 4/5/6

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Termly composer study suggestions:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/primary-resources-ks2--2nd-level/z6xjrj6>

Summer



Apply vocabulary learned during instrumental unit: South America

Spring



accuracy, backing track, **balance**, composition, control, crotchet, **dotted minim**, ensemble, features, fluency, lyrics, minim, minor key, notation, parts, pitch, **pitch notation**, quaver, repeating rhythm, semibreve, **sheet music**, **staff structure**, **stave**, structure, tempo, tune, tuned percussion, unison, vocal warm-up
12 bar Blues, **ascending scale**, **blues scale**, **chord**, **descending scale**

Autumn

Agogo, **bacteria**, **caixa**, **chocalho**, composition, crescendo, **cowbell**, dynamics, ensemble, features, **ganza**, influenced, **metronome**, off-beat, percussion, pulse, **repique**, rhythm, **rhythmic break**, **samba**, **samba break**, structure, **surdo**, **syncopated rhythm**, **tamborim**, texture, unison, untuned percussion

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Year 6 supplementary units/stretch and challenge

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Summer

classical, **characterise**, composition, conductor, depict, dynamics, ensemble, graphic score, improvisation, notation, orchestra, pitch, texture

Spring

Opportunities to apply vocabulary learned throughout music lessons during instrumental study: India

Autumn

accuracy, backing track, compare, contrast, **complement**, control, **counter-melody**, diaphragm, dynamics, **era**, expression, features, graphic score, harmony, harmonise, lyrics, melody, melody line, **morale**, **notate**, octave, parts, performance techniques, phrase, **phrasing**, pitch, purpose, **score**, **Solfa**, **Solfa ladder**, tempo

Retrieval: Which musical words can you remember?

a	b	c	d	e	f
g	h	i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x, y, z