

Music — Vocabulary Progression Map

Below are the vocabulary lists for music. These give an indication of the words that we want children to become familiar with during each key stage. They are not intended as a test list but show the kind of language staff will use and explain in lessons to broaden pupils' music vocabulary and understanding.

Subject	
EYFS	chant, fast, follow, high, instrument, low, loud, quiet, repeat, rhythm, sing, song, sounds
KS1	pulse, rhythm, pitch, rap, improvise, compose, melody, bass, guitar, drums, decks, perform, rap, singers, keyboard, percussion, trumpets, saxophones, blues, baroque, Latin, Irish Folk, Funk, groove, audience, imagination, keyboard, electric guitars, question and answer, dynamics, tempo
LKS2	structure, introduction, verse, chorus, improvise, compose, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, bass, drums, guitar, keyboard, synthesiser, hook, melody, texture, electric guitar, organ, backing vocals, hook, riff, melody, reggae, pentatonic scale, disco, imagination, solo, unison, rhythm patterns, musical style, rapping, lyrics, choreography, digital/ electronic sounds, turntables, by ear, notation, piano, acoustic guitar, birdsong, civil rights, racism, equality
UKS2	rock, structure, pulse, rhythm, pitch, bridge, backbeat, amplifier, tempo, texture, dynamics, chorus, bridge, riff, hook, improvise, compose, appraising, Bossa Nova, syncopation, structure, Swing, tune, note values, note names, Big bands, tempo, dynamics, riff, hook, solo, Ballad, verse, chorus, interlude, tag ending, strings, piano, guitar, bass, drums, melody, cover, timbre, old-school, hip hop, rap, deck, backing loops, funk, scratching, soul, groove, bass line, brass section, style indicators, dimensions of music, Neo Soul, producer, Motown, Jazz, improvisation, obstinate, phrases, Urban Gospel, civil rights, gender equality, harmony, gender, turntables, DJing, electronic and acoustic music