



Music Key vocabulary						
EYFS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
listen To pay attention to sound.	high sound Music which is played at a high pitch.	pitch How high or low a sound is.	steps The notes of the music go up and down one step at a time.	scale Where the notes are played in order of pitch, usually a step at a time	major A type of scale which uses a particular set of notes being played.	pentatonic scale A scale that consists of five notes.
	low sound Music which is played at a low pitch.	tempo How fast or slow a piece of music is.	leaps The notes of the music go up and down in more than one step at a time.	aural Listening to music		
sing To use your voice to sing a song.	smooth Music notes which are played connected to each other.	beat A beat helps to measure how fast or slow a piece of music is.	stave The 5 lines which music is written on.	orchestra A group of musicians playing instruments together.	ensemble A group of people who perform instrumental or vocal music.	accompaniments Music that goes with something that 'back up's the main performer.
	fast Music which is played quickly.	rest Where no sound is played.	treble Clef It helps to show the position of notes and is written at the start of each stave.	woodwind A group of instruments that are usually played by blowing. These instruments are traditionally made out of wood		
play To play music on an instrument.	slow Music which is played slowly.	rhythm How long or short a sound is.	solo Where only one person or instrument is singing or playing.	strings A group of instruments of the orchestra which are usually played by being bowed or plucked.	thin A piece of music that has few layers of instruments.	dotted quavers A note that lasts for ¾ of a crotchet beat. This is usually paired with a semi quaver
	song A piece of music that is performed by singing.	melody The tune of the music which makes up a song or the main part.	crotchet A crotchet is a musical note with the time value of one beat.	percussion A group of instruments that make a sound by being hit.		
stop To stop playing by not playing any sound.	loud Music which is played at a high volume.	repeat The music is played again.	minim A minim is a musical note with the time value of two beat.	plucking A way of playing string instruments by picking or pulling a string.	pianissimo Playing very quietly	composition A piece of music that has been written by a composer
	quiet Music which is played at a low volume.	dynamics How loud or quiet a sound is.	quaver A quaver is a musical note with the time value of half a beat.	choral Music that is performed by singing.		
voice Part of your body which you use to sing.			semibreve A quaver is a musical note with the time value of four beats.	texture How layers of sounds in a piece of music interact with each other.		theme The theme is the first main melody that you hear
			part A line in music which is played by one player or a group of players.	duet A piece of music for two performers.		phrases A musical phrase is a unit of music which has a complete musical sense of its own
hard Playing an instrument by hitting it hard.			call A part in music which is played and then answered by a response.	tempo How fast or slow a piece of music is being played.		soundscape The term soundscape refers to a sequence of sounds with a particular linking theme or idea.
			response The response to a call which is played back.	timbre This describes how a sound is played. It is what makes different musical instruments sound different from each other. The instruments may play the same note, at the same dynamic but have very different sounds.		
soft Playing an instrument by hitting it gently.			improvise Playing a musical instrument in where the musician.	pulse A steady beat in the music. It can be measured in time by counting the number of beats in a minute.		
			forte Loud	metre The structure of a musical beat. It may usually be in 4 (1-2-3-4) or 3 (1-2-3, 1-2-3).		
song A piece of music that is performed by singing.			piano Quiet	dotted rhythm A rhythm using longer notes with a shorter note. If a note has a dot after it, you would play the length of the original		

				note but hold on for another half of its length.		
				ostinato A short pattern of notes which is repeated many times.		
				compose The process of making a new piece of music.		
				riff A repeated pattern often played by rhythmic instruments.		
				cyclic patterns A repeated pattern that is continually repeated throughout the piece of music.		
				crescendo Gradually getting louder.		
				diminuendo Gradually getting quieter.		