

Spelling list: GCSE Music: Timbre, Dynamics, Phrasing, and Articulation 2

Key words for GCSE Music

orchestra	An orchestra is a large ensemble containing many players from different instrument families.
reverb	Reverb is an echo created in musical production.
distortion	Distortion is changing a sound in musical production.
falsetto	Falsetto is when you sing notes that are higher than your usual range.
pizzicato	Pizzicato is the plucking of a stringed instrument.
arco	Arco is the playing of a stringed instrument with a bow.
staccato	Staccato is when individual notes are played in a short and detached way.
legato	Legato is when individual notes are joined together and played smoothly.
slur	A slur is when notes are joined together in legato articulation.
mezzo	Mezzo means half.
synthesizer	A synthesizer is used to modify sounds in music production.
sforzando	Sforzando is when a note or chord is emphasised.
marcato	Marcato is when a note or chord is played louder than usual.
tenuto	Tenuto is when a note or chord is held.