

Spelling list: GCSE Music: Harmony and Tonality 1

Key words for GCSE Music

sustained	A sustained note is a note that is held.
bass	A bass instrument is one that plays at the lowest pitch range.
progression	A succession of chords is called a chord progression .
combination	Combination is the bringing together of different musical instruments or ideas.
clash	A clash is when notes that sound bad together are combined to create a tense effect.
pedal	A pedal note is held or repeated in the bass.
major	The word major is used to classify chords, intervals, and keys.
minor	The word minor is used to classify chords, intervals, and scales with a flattened third.
chord	A group of notes played at the same time is called a chord .
triad	A triad is a chord made up of three notes.
seventh	A seventh chord is a group of four notes played at the same time.
inversion	A chord inversion is when the lowest note in a chord isn't the root.
consonant	If a group of sounds is described as consonant , it means they sound pleasing together.
dissonant	If a group of sounds is described as dissonant , it means they sound tense and unresolved together.