

## Spelling list: GCSE Music: Texture and Melody 1

Key words for GCSE Music

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| ascending     | If the pitch is getting higher, it is <b>ascending</b> .                          |
| descending    | If the pitch is getting lower, it is <b>descending</b> .                          |
| step          | A <b>step</b> is an interval between two notes that have a note between them.     |
| leap          | A <b>leap</b> is an interval of a third or more.                                  |
| layers        | Independent parts that are played at the same time are called <b>layers</b> .     |
| contour       | The <b>contour</b> of a melody is its shape.                                      |
| decoration    | An embellishment to a melody is called a <b>decoration</b> ,.                     |
| ornate        | An <b>ornate</b> melody is elaborate.   |
| conjunct      | <b>Conjunct</b> describes melodic progression in steps.                           |
| disjunct      | <b>Disjunct</b> describes melodic progression in leaps.                           |
| triadic       | Melodies built around the notes in a triad are called <b>triadic</b> .            |
| arpeggio      | An <b>arpeggio</b> is when the notes from a chord are played one after the other. |
| scalic        | Melodies that follow the order of a scale are called <b>scalic</b> .              |
| ornamentation | An <b>ornamentation</b> is a note or group of notes added to embellish a melody.  |