

Spelling list: GCSE Music: Texture and Melody 2

Key words for GCSE Music

monophonic	A piece with a single melody line is called monophonic .
homophonic	A piece based on chords where different parts move simultaneously is called homophonic .
antiphonic	A piece in which two parts play alternated musical phrases is called antiphonic .
polyphonic	A piece with lots of melody lines is called polyphonic .
heterophonic	A piece in which a melody is played at the same time as a decorated version of itself is called heterophonic .
melody	In melody and accompaniment, there is a clear distinction between the melody and the accompaniment parts.
accompaniment	In melody and accompaniment , there is a clear distinction between the melody and the accompaniment parts.
sequence	A sequence is when the melody is played and then repeated at a different pitch.
ostinato	A musical motif repeated at the same pitch is called an ostinato .
riff	A repeated chord progression is called a riff .
improvisation	Improvisation is when you play music without composing it first.
acappella	Acappella music uses only vocals.
portamento	Portamento is when you slide from one note to another.
contrapuntal	Contrapuntal music has two distinct melody lines.