

Spelling list: GCSE Music: Rhythm and Metre 1

Key words for GCSE Music.

length	The length of a note is how long it lasts for.
note	A note is a musical sound that is a specific pitch and length.
speed	The speed of the music is how fast it is played.
duration	The duration of the music is how long it lasts.
beat	A beat is a unit of time.
regular	If a rhythm or time signature is described as regular , it means it is common or symmetrical.
irregular	If a rhythm or time signature is described as irregular , it means it is unexpected or asymmetrical.
time	The time signature indicates how many beats are in a bar.
signature	The time signature indicates how many beats are in a bar.
onbeat	Onbeat rhythms are played on the strong beats of a bar.
offbeat	Offbeat rhythms are played on the weak beats of a bar.
swung	Swung quavers are quavers where the first part of the beat is slightly longer than the second.
quavers	Swung quavers are quavers where the first part of the beat is slightly longer than the second.
dotted	Dotted rhythm alternates long notes with shorter notes.
rhythm	Dotted rhythm alternates long notes with shorter notes.