

## Spelling list: GCSE Music: Rhythm and Metre 1

Key words for GCSE Music.

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