



Music Vocabulary - Year 1

Words	RAG	Definition
Funk		Dance music that includes soul, jazz and R&B.
groove		a special rhythm in Pop or Jazz music
high		The sound is high pitched.
Hip Hop		a style of music similar to rap
imagination		To be able to create something.
Jazz		Black Americans invented it in the 1900s. Jazz players improvise and play syncopated rhythms.
low		The sound is low pitched.
rap		A style of music where words are said rapidly and rhythmically over an instrumental backing.
Reggae		A style of music that comes from Jamaica. It started in the 1960s. It has a strongly accented 'off' beat.
singers		A group of people who sing together.
song		A short poem or set of words which are sung.
waltz		a dance in $\frac{3}{4}$ time



Music Vocabulary - Year 2

Words	RAG	Definition
audience		People who watch or listen to a piece of music.
band		a group of musicians
bass		a low-pitched sound
bass guitar		The lowest-pitched member of the guitar family and it normally has 4 strings.
brass band		A group of musicians playing brass instruments and sometimes also percussion.
chorus		A part of a song which is repeated after each verse.
compose		To write a piece of music.
drums		A percussion instrument which is hit a sticks or with your hand.
dynamics		How loud or quiet the music is.
electric guitar		A guitar which requires a pick-up and works off electricity in order to make a sound.
glockenspiel		A musical percussion instrument made of tuned metal pieces, placed in a frame and struck with beaters.
improvise		Create and perform music on the spot without following any music or a graphic score.
introduction		The first part of the piece of music, often just instrumental before the singers start to sing in a song.
keyboard		A musical instrument that is played by means of a keyboard.
lullaby		A quiet, gentle song sung to send a child to sleep.
major		A major musical interval, scale, key, or mode which is happy sounding.
minor		A minor musical interval, scale, key, or mode which is sad sounding.
melody		A sequence of single notes that makes a tune.
Musicals		A play in which singing and dancing play an essential part.
Opera		A play in which all the words are sung rather than spoken.
orchestra		A group of instrumentalists usually made up of string, woodwind, brass and percussion sections.
perform/performance		To play a piece of music in front of others.
percussion		A family of instruments that are beaten or shaken.
piano accompaniment		The piano is used to help the other performers e.g. the piano will accompany the singer.
pitch		high and low sounds
Pop		Music that has been around since 1950s.
pulse		the regular heartbeat of the music; its steady beat
question and answer		An instrument or voice plays a short phrase which is the question, then another instrument or voice plays a short phrase which is the answer.
Rock		A form of popular music that evolved from rock and roll and pop music during the mid and late 1960s.
rhythm		Long and short sounds or patterns that happen over the pulse.
saxophone		A member of a family of metal wind instruments with a reed like that of a clarinet, used especially in jazz and dance music.



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Soul		A kind of music incorporating elements of rhythm and blues and gospel music, popularised by American black people.
tempo		the speed of the music; fast or slow or in-between
trumpet		a brass musical instrument
verse		A verse comes before or after the chorus section. The words of the verse change with each one.