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# Basic Glossary

**Pulse** a steady beat, like a heartbeat or the ticking of a clock

**Tempo** the speed of the pulse

**Duration** how long or short a sound is

**Rhythm** a pattern of long and short sounds

**Pitch** the height of a note – high or low

**Dynamics** the volume of the sound – loud or quiet

**Timbre** the quality of the sound – what it sounds like, the colour of the sound

**Texture** layers of sound like **Musical Lasagne** a single instrument or solo singer performing a single line of music is a thin texture, a group of performers playing or singing different parts together creates a thicker texture.

# Music Vocabulary

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