

Musical



Elements



Musical Elements Song

(Try singing to the sound of Twinkle, Twinkle,
Little Star)

Pitch means sounds are high or low.
Tempo means go fast or slow.
Dynamics can go with a BANG!
Or make a sound as quietly as you can.
Pitch means sounds are high or low.
Tempo means go fast or slow.

Over and over and over again
Ostinato is the name.
Duration can be short or long
The length of sounds in a tune or a song.
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Ostinato is the name.

Rhythm makes a pattern of sounds.
(Clap clap-clap clap clap/clap-clap clap claa)
Pulse will keep a steady beat
Sounds like slowly marching feet.
Rhythm makes a pattern of sounds.
(Clap clap-clap clap clap/clap-clap clap claa)

Timbre is quite hard to say.
Listen to the instruments play
Bright and bold, harsh or hollow.
Maybe gentle, warm or mellow.
Timbre is quite hard to say.
Listen to the instruments play.

(Words by Christine Brown)

Pitch



Pitch means are sounds high or low. Do they move up and down? Do they step up or leap and slide?

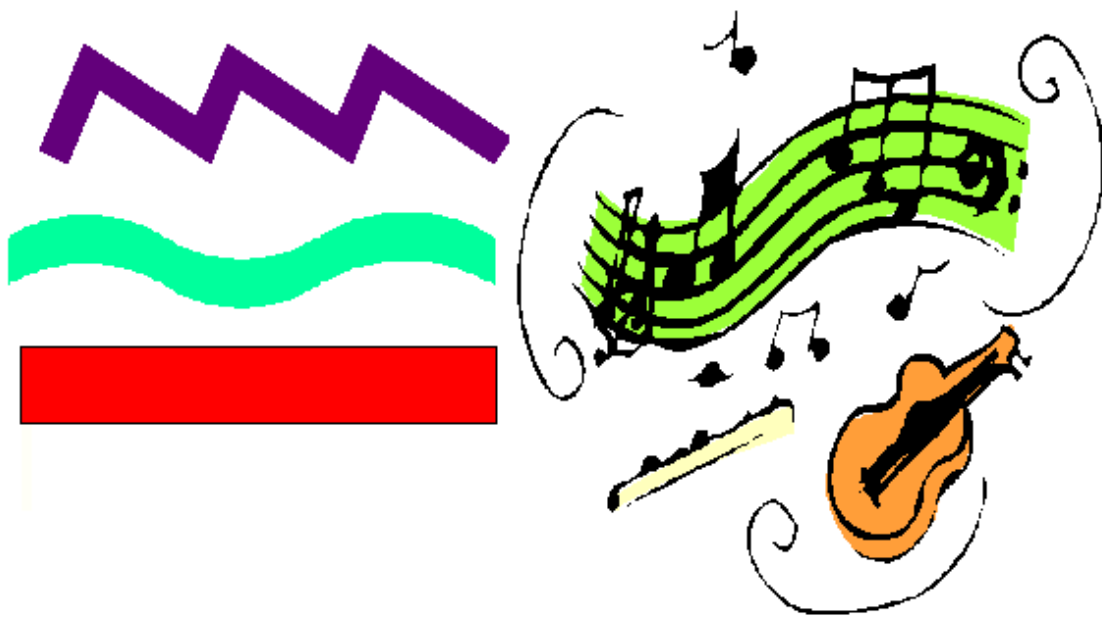
Structure

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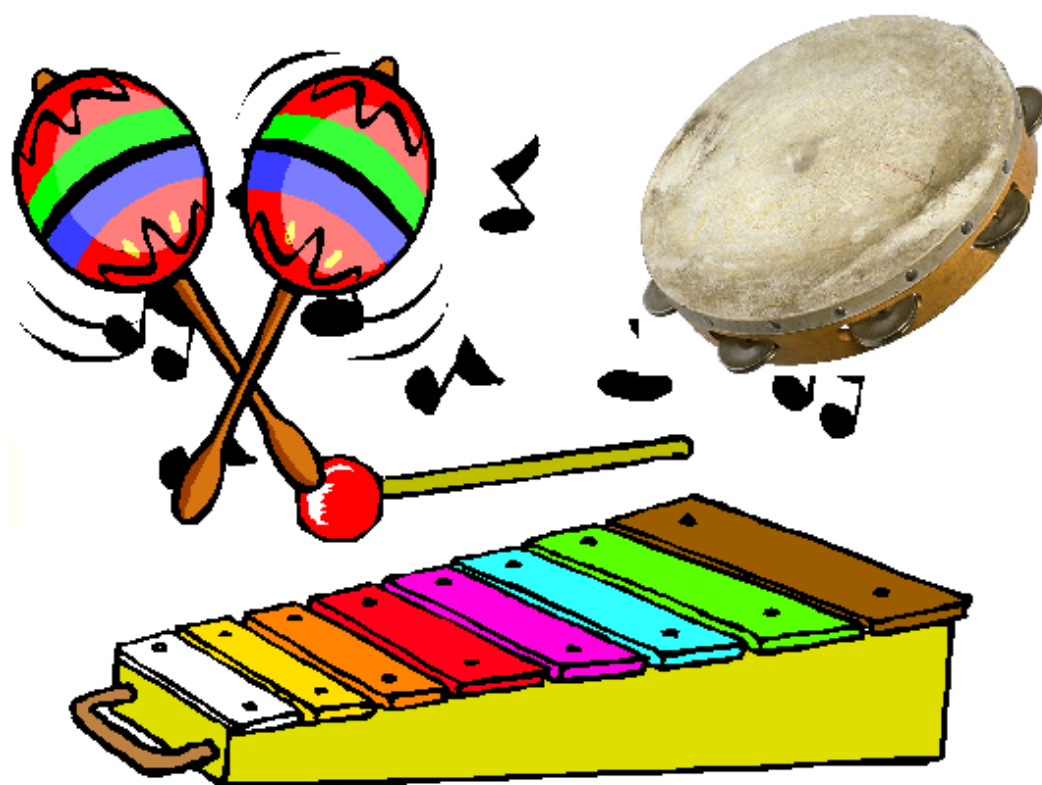
How are the sounds organised? Do they repeat? Are there different sections? Ostinato?

Texture



Texture means layers of sound. Is it a solo? Is there accompaniment? Is the music thick with lots of sounds or light?

Timbre



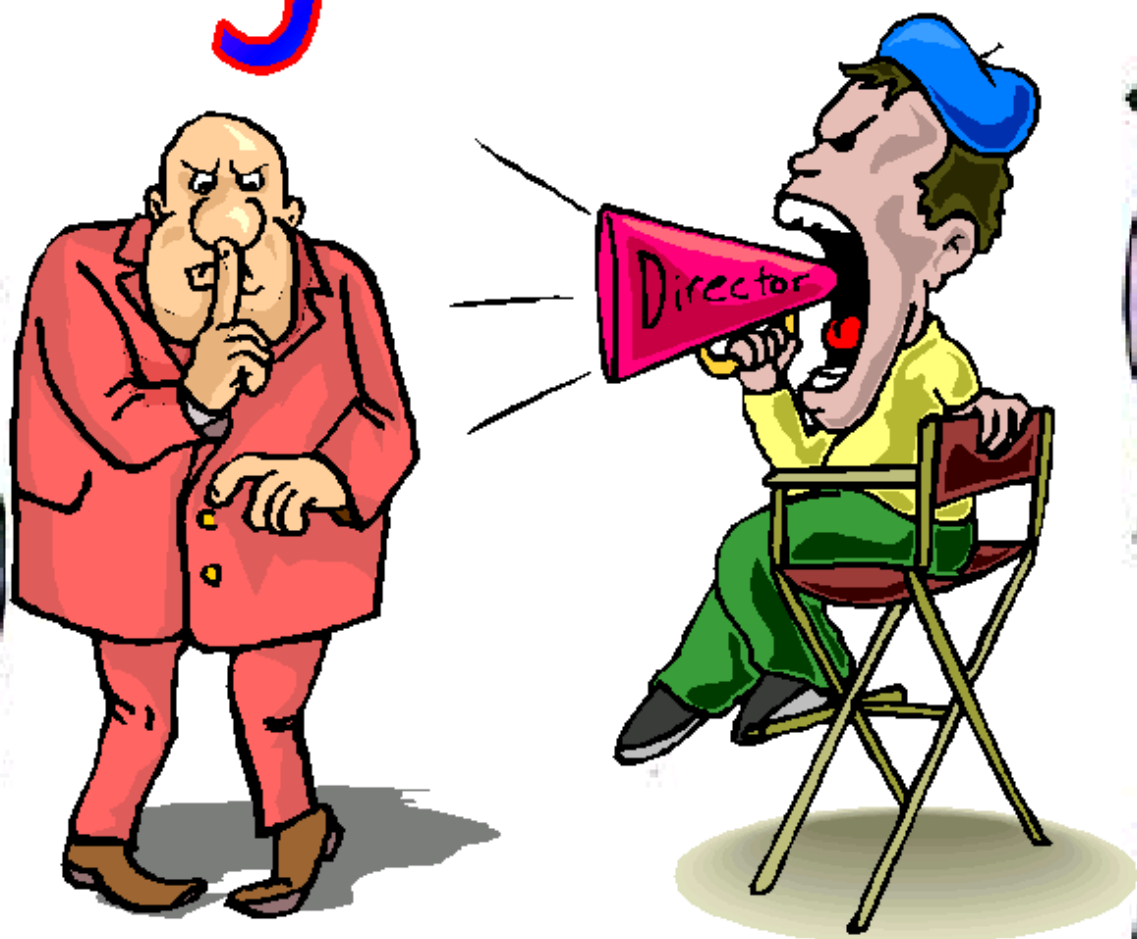
Timbre looks at the types
of sounds in the music.
Are they bright, harsh,
rough, smooth, dull?

Tempo



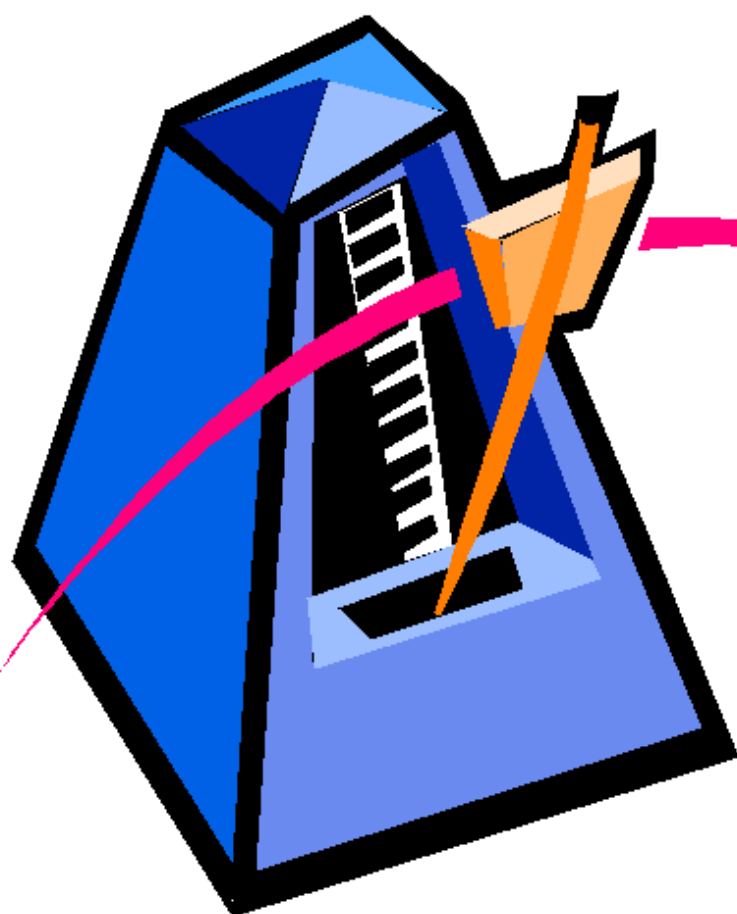
Tempo means the speed or pace of the music. Is it fast or slow? How does the speed change?

Dynamics



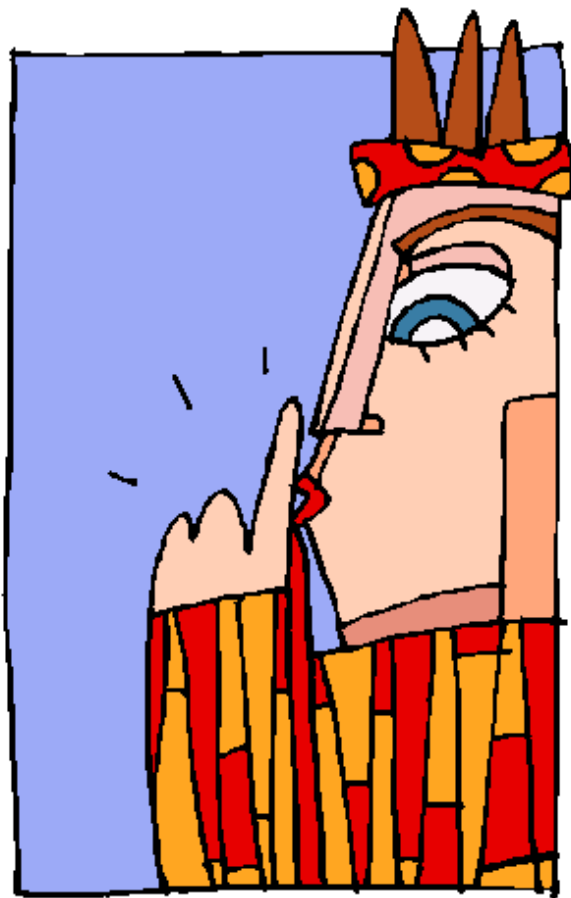
Dynamics refer to the volume of the music. Is it loud or quiet?

Duration



Are the notes long or short? What kind of rhythm does it follow?

Silence



Silence can be used in
music to create different
effects.