

MUSICAL TERM	DEFINITION
AUDITION	Providing a sample of prepared materials in singing, acting or dancing.
BEAT	The pulse of a piece of music. How time is counted.
BLUES	Style of music and lyrics with three lines or phrases repeated, sometimes as an expression of sadness ("I have got the blues.").
BONGO	Varying sized drums connected together, played by striking with hands.
CHOREOGRAPHY	Where and when you move to music.
CONGA	A tall, narrow, single headed drum from Cuba. Played by striking with the hand.
DANCE	Moving the feet and body in a rhythmic way (or to music).
DUET OR DUO	Music for two instruments or singers.
DYNAMICS	Variations in how loud or soft music is played or sung.
FORTE	Playing or singing music loudly.
GUITAR	A stringed instrument generally made up of a body, headstock, fretboard, and 6 strings.
HARMONY	Singing or playing two or more pitches together. Tones that are pleasing.
INSTRUMENTS	An object to make music.
LARG0	Playing or singing music at a very slow pace.
LYRICIST	The writer of the words in a song.
LYRICS	Words that tell the story or express emotion of the music.
MAESTRO	Expert or master in arts, conductor or teacher of music.
MELODY	A pleasing series of pitches and rhythms. The tune or main idea of a song.
MUSICAL GROUPS	A group of people who create music.
ORCHESTRA	Musical group that includes strings and other instruments.
PERCUSSION	Instruments that make sound by being struck, such as drums, chimes, tambourines, etc.
PIAN0	Playing or singing music softly.
PITCH	The highs and lows of sounds.
PRESTO	Playing or singing music at a very fast speed.
QUARTET	Music for four instruments or singers.
RANGE	The distance between the highest & lowest pitches an instrument or voice can sound.
RAP	Words spoken quickly with a rhythmic beat telling a story or sharing a feeling, which can be combined with singing.
REPITITION	Act of repeating significant sounds and phrases in music (i.e. melody and chorus).
REST	Taking a brief pause before singing or playing the next note.
RHYTHM	Repeating series of notes changing in duration.
ROUNDS	Singing in rounds is when a melody is sung in parts. The first person begins with the first part of the melody; the next person sings that same line while the first person con-
	tinues with the song. Others join in singing, with each part beginning at a different time - creating harmony. The song continues until the last person sings the last line.
S0L0	Music for one instrument or singer.
STRINGS	Instruments that are plucked, pulled, stroked, or struck to make sound. They can be found in pianos, guitars, violins, etc.
TEMP0	The speed (fast or slow) of the piece of music.
TRIO	Music for three instruments or singers.
WINDS	Trumpets - instruments using air to make sounds.
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