



## Music Key Concepts

Concept	Explanation
pulse	The steady heartbeat of the music.
rhythm	Patterns of long and short notes.
dynamics	The volume of the music - whether it is loud (forte) or soft (piano).
tempo	The speed of the music - whether it is fast, slow or walking pace.
pitch	How high or low a sound is.
timbre	The unique sound of an instrument or voice.
texture	The layers of sound - it can be described as thick or thin.
structure	How a piece is organised or put together.
improvising	Making up a rhythm or melody on the spot.
composing	Writing music down.