

Key Vocabulary

- Ballad** - A song which tells a story - similar to a poem.
- Compose** - To create an original piece of music.
- Stanza** - A short section of text, sometimes known as a verse in a song or poem.
- Solo** - Performing alone.
- Ensemble** - A small group of musicians who perform together.

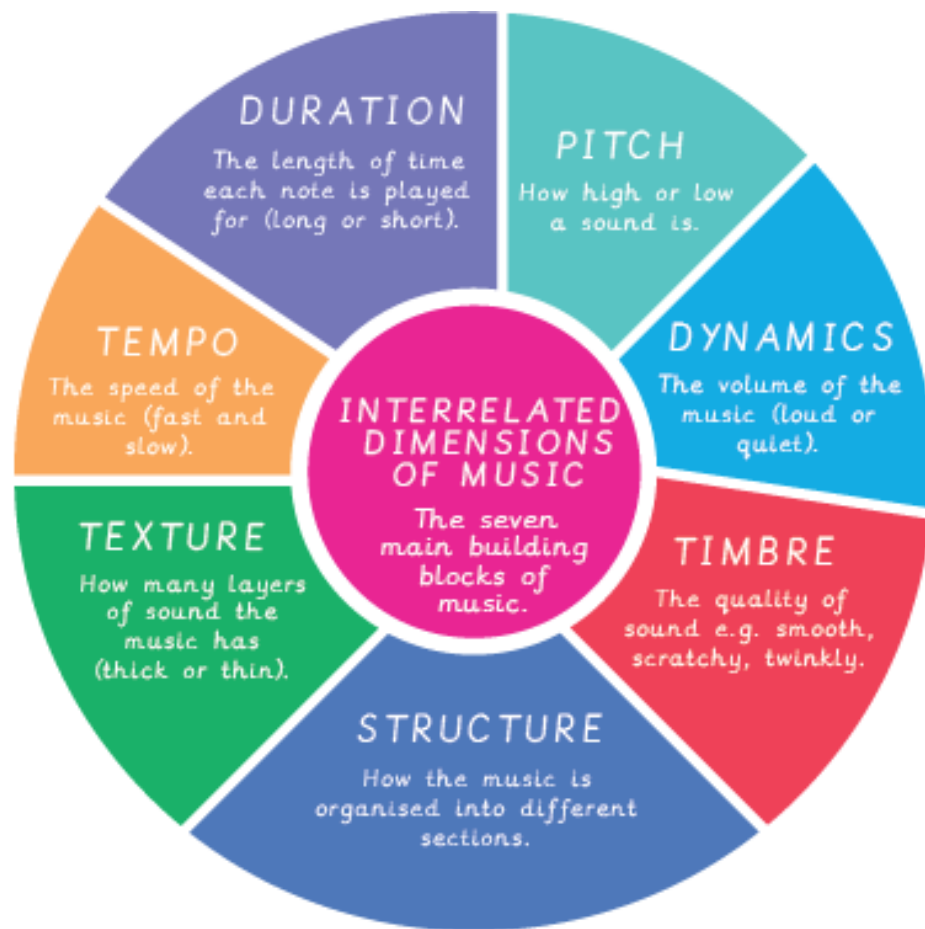
- Expression** - Making your thoughts or feelings known when reading, singing or performing.
- Lyrics** - The words in a song.
- Chorus** - Repeated section of music with the same tune and lyrics.
- Nonsense words** - Words which have no meaning and are often used for filling time in songs - e.g. 'la', 'do', 'oooh'.

Musical Style: Ballads

Ballads are songs which tell a story. They can be in many styles, such as pop and musical theatre and were used in ancient times to carry news and legends across countries.



Musical Elements



Ballad Song Structure

Ballads tell a story and usually have a similar structure to stories.



- OPENING** - Describes the setting, introduces the characters.
- BUILD UP** - Excitement and tension grows, gives emotion.
- CLIMAX** - Major dilemma.
- RESOLUTION** - Characters find a route through their difficulties.
- ENDING** - Happily ever after.

Focus Music



David Bowie - Space Oddity



Righteous Brothers - Unchained Melody.



Bryan Adams - Everything I do.



Samantha Barks - On my Own



Whitney Houston - I will always love you.