




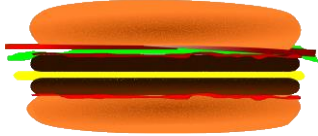



Year 6 - Elements of Music

What is music?

- Music is when a **composer** writes a piece of music by organising the sounds
- The composer has to make many decisions about how this will be achieved
- There are **7** aspects that they have to think about
- These are known as **the elements** of music
- When you are **organising** music, **performing** or **listening**, you will need to think about how these elements are used and incorporate them into your compositions and performance pieces
- You will also need to identify the elements when **listening** to a piece of music

Dynamics		The volume of the music. How loud or quiet the music sounds.
Tempo		The speed or pace of the music. How fast or slow the music sounds.
Pitch		The frequency of the music. How high or low the music sounds.
Structure		How the sounds of the music are organised . Sections planned and linked together.
Timbre		The tone quality of the sounds. Every sound is different.
Texture		The number of layers in the music. How thick or thin the music sounds.
Duration		The length of the music. How long or short sounds are held for. This is often referred to as the rhythm.

Summer homework 😊

As a fun and creative way to start your journey, here at Higham Lane School, we would like to set you a challenge at home.

Big Questions...

- Referring to the elements of music, how many of them do you really understand?
- How many of the elements would you be able to remember if asked to define their meaning in September?
- How many of the elements would you be able to recognise during a piece of music e.g. whilst you are watching your favourite film, television programme or the accompanying music when playing your games?

What would we like you to do?

- We would like you to list below pieces of music that you have listened to during your summer holiday
- This can be film or television theme, favourite song, even something you may have experienced whilst on holiday
- How many of the elements can you hear clearly?
- Can you identify the instruments that are being played?

Piece of music and composer	List of the elements heard	Instruments being played

Hopefully, by listening more closely to the music, this will give you a better understanding of the elements and how they help us to convey emotions.

When do you need to do this by?

This will be collected in by your music teacher during the first couple of weeks of term. House points will be awarded by showing variety with your listening.

Have a lovely, safe summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September, Mrs Davenport and Mrs Watson.

