

What are the Elements of Music?

Dynamics

The volume of the music

Rhythm

The different notes and patterns of the music

Pitch

How high or low the notes are

Structure

The different sections of the music and the order they're played.

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Metre

How many beats in a bar

Instrumentation (Timbre)

The different instruments or voices you can hear

Tempo Texture

Tempo: the speed of the music
Texture:
The different layers of the music

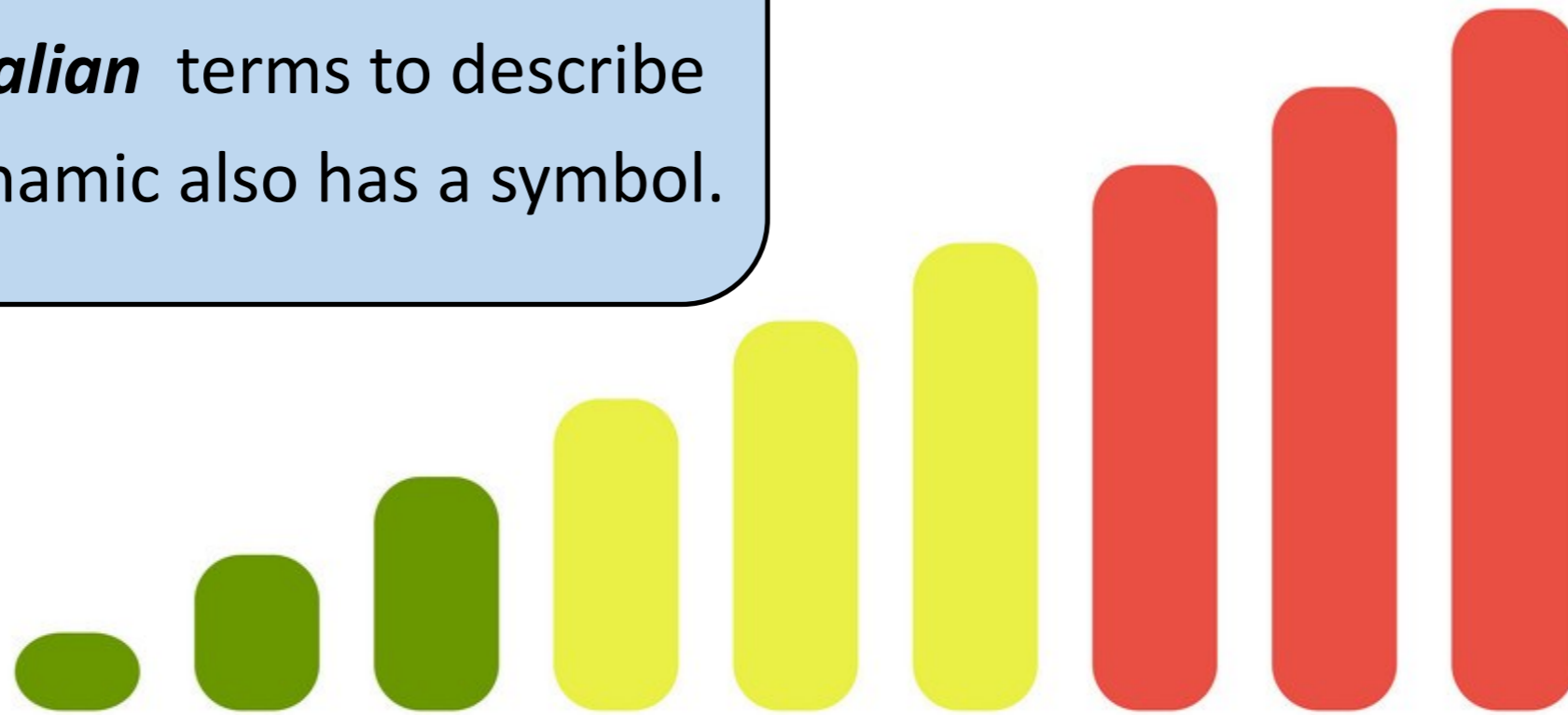
Harmony

Notes played at the same time to create chords

Dynamics

The volume of the music.

In music we use *Italian* terms to describe dynamics. Each dynamic also has a symbol.



Very Quiet
pianissimo
(pp)

Quiet
piano
(p)

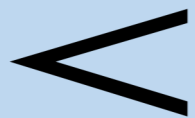
Moderately
Quiet
mezzo piano
(mp)

Moderately
Loud
mezzo forte
(mf)

Loud
forte
(f)

Very Loud
fortissimo
(ff)

Getting louder
crescendo




Suddenly Loud
Sforzando (sfz)

Getting quieter
decrescendo

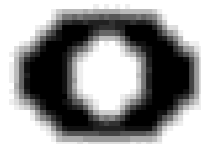


Rhythm

The different notes and patterns of the music. Different notes last for different lengths of time.

 HOT DOG 	 GRAPE SODA 	 APPLE PIE 	 HOT FUDGE SUNDAE 	 COCONUT SHRIMP 
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Semibreve



4 beats

Minim



2 beats

Crotchet



1 beat

Quaver



1/2 beat

Semiquaver



1/4 beat

Pitch

How high or low the notes are

The image displays three musical staves illustrating the pitch of notes across different clefs. The notes are arranged in ascending order from left to right, showing the relationship between the clefs and the resulting pitch.

- Treble Clef:** Notes are C₄, D₄, E₄, F₄, G₄, A₄, B₄, C₅, D₅, E₅, F₅, G₅, A₅, B₅, C₆.
- Alto Clef:** Notes are C₃, D₃, E₃, F₃, G₃, A₃, B₃, C₄, D₄, E₄, F₄, G₄, A₄, B₄, C₅.
- Bass Clef:** Notes are C₂, D₂, E₂, F₂, G₂, A₂, B₂, C₃, D₃, E₃, F₃, G₃, A₃, B₃, C₄.

Low



High

Structure

The different sections of the music and the order they're played.

In classical Music:



First sections
are labelled A



Second sections
are labelled B

A typical pop song:

Intro

Verse 1

Chorus 1

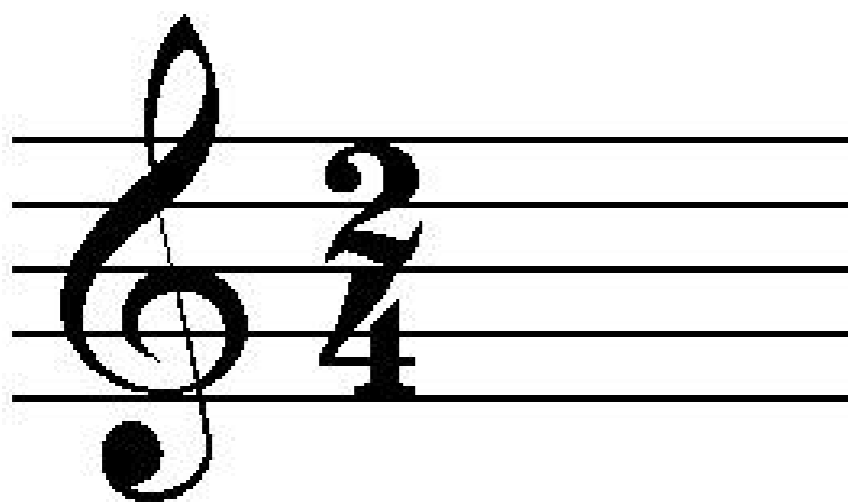
Verse 2

Bridge

Chorus 2

Metre

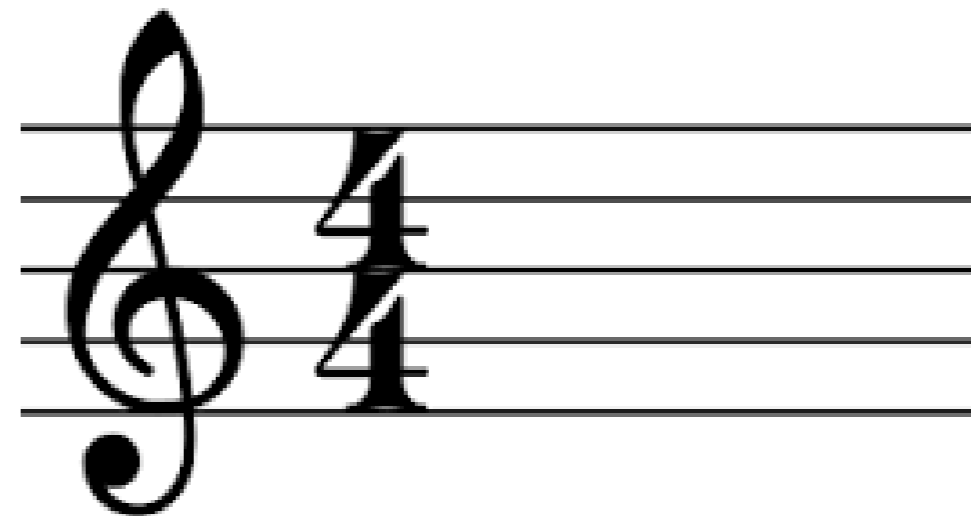
How many beats in a bar



2 beats in a bar



3 beats in a bar



4 beats in a bar

Instrumentation (Timbre)

The different instruments or voices you can hear

Woodwind

Keyboards

Tenor

Brass

Soprano

Bass

Percussion

Mezzo soprano

Choir

Strings

Alto

Band

Tempo

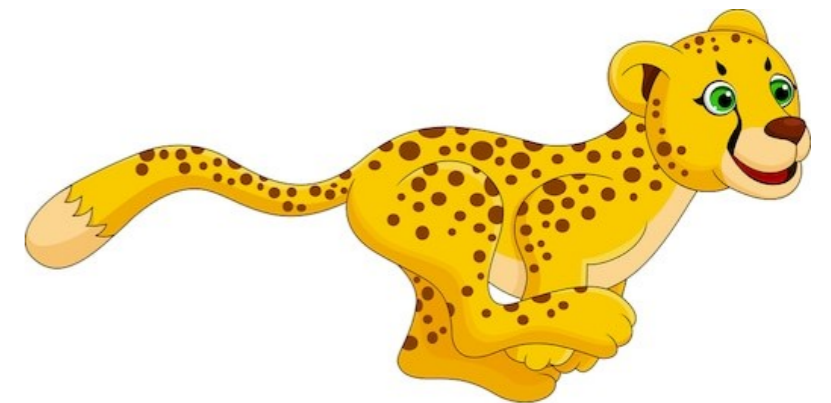
The speed of the music. We use *Italian* terms to describe the tempo. Different tempi have different beats per minute (bpm)



Slow
Adagio
(55-65 bpm)



Walking Pace
Andante
(76—108 bpm)



Fast
Allegro
(120-168 bpm)

Texture

The different layers of the music.

Depending on how many instruments there are in a piece of music depends on the layers of the music.



One instrument or melody
Thin texture



Lots of instruments or melodies
Thick texture

Harmony

Notes played at the same time to create chords. A chord is when you play 3 or more different notes at the same time.

