



Subject Specific Vocabulary for Music



Nursery

Vocabulary

Listening and Responding to Music	Elements of Music	Composition and Improvisation	Developing Performance Skills and Awareness
Lullaby, pop, familiar songs	Pulse, beat, rhythm, pitch, high, low, instrument,	Create, compose	Sing, instrument, perform.

Reception

Vocabulary

Listening and Responding to Music	Elements of Music	Composition and Improvisation	Developing Performance Skills and Awareness
Lullaby, pop, country, jazz, disco, RnB, hip hop	Pulse, beat, rhythm, pitch, high, low, instrument, body percussion, drums, singers.	Improvise, compose, pattern	Sing, instrument, perform.

Year 1 Vocabulary			
Listening and Responding to Music	Elements of Music	Composition and Improvisation	Developing Performance Skills and Awareness
Rap, Hip Hop, Jazz, Lullaby, Musicals, orchestra, Pop, Reggae, waltz, Funk, groove, song	Pulse, rhythm, pitch, high, low, melody, tempo, bass guitar, drums, singers, keyboard, percussion, trumpets, saxophones, glockenspiel	improvise, compose, imagination	perform, audience
Year 2 Vocabulary			
Listening and Responding to Music	Elements of Music	Composition and Improvisation	Developing Performance Skills and Awareness
lullaby, Musicals, orchestra, Pop, Rock, Soul, Opera, question and answer	pulse, rhythm, pitch, melody, dynamics, tempo, major, minor, introduction, verse, chorus, piano accompaniment, band brass, band percussion	improvise, compose, glockenspiel	perform/performance, audience

Year 3

Vocabulary

Listening and Responding to Music	Elements of Music	Composition and Improvisation	Developing Performance Skills and Awareness
Appalachian music, Baroque music, Blues, Country, Folk music, Native American music. Reggae, Disco	Structure, intro/introduction, verse, chorus, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, riff, ostinato, pentatonic scale, texture, hook, melody, electric guitar, backing vocals, crotchet, minim, quaver, rests, time signature, key signature, clef, stave, notation, major, minor, bar, detached, texture, repeats, rhythm patterns, legato, staccato, forte, piano	improvise, compose, imagination,	perform, audience

Year 4

Vocabulary

Listening and Responding to Music	Elements of Music	Composition and Improvisation	Developing Performance Skills and Awareness
Appalachian music, Baroque music, Blues, Country, Folk music, Native American music, Reggae, Disco	Structure, intro/introduction, verse, chorus, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, riff, ostinato, pentatonic scale, texture, hook, melody, electric guitar, backing vocals, crotchet, minim, quaver, rests, time signature, key signature, clef, stave, notation, major, minor, bar, detached, texture, repeats, rhythm patterns, legato, staccato, forte, piano	improvise, compose, imagination,	perform, audience