

Music

Key vocabulary



A list of vocabulary that is covered across the Kapow Primary Music scheme of work.
Words in **bold** show new vocabulary that has been introduced.



Exploring sound

voice, voice sounds, sound, instrument, loud, quiet, high, low, squeaky, soft, deep, body sounds, body percussion, sound, tempo, fast, slow, rhythm, beat, instrumental sounds, tempo, fast, quickly, slowly, dynamic, loudly, quietly, environmental sounds, pitch, middle, nature sounds

Celebration music

music, dance, tempo, move, Diwali, celebration, traditional, Hanukkah, Hora, kinnor, harp, flute, Jewish, trumpet, cymbals, tambourine, shofar, Kwanzaa, Africa, culture, call, response, drum, rhythm, beat, instrument, Christmas, Christian, sleigh bells, actions, action songs, voice sounds, body percussion

Music and movement

actions, action songs, sign language, Makaton, deaf, communication, communicating, understand, lyrics, verse, beat, music, heartbeat, pulse, steady, repeat, constant, drum, piece, composer, tempo, fast, moderate, medium, slow, dance, pitch, high, low, sound, whistle, triangle, siren, cello, perform, performance, audience

Musical stories

classical music, pitch, high, low, tempo, fast, slow, dynamic, loud, quiet, musical story, lyrics, melody, character, instrument, song, actions, percussion, compose, perform, performance

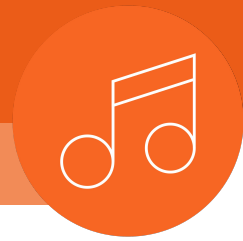
Transport

car, boat, train, beat, fast, slow, speed, cruise, rowing, water, symbols, slower, faster, stopping, journey, score

Big band

music, musical instrument, band, sound, shake, tap, bang, strum, jingle, tempo, dynamic, pitch, beat, orchestra, sound, rhythm, beat, conductor, wind, strings, percussion, brass

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Year 1

Pulse and rhythm (Theme: All about me)

pulse, singing voice, speaking voice, thinking voice

Tempo (Theme: Snail and mouse)

beat, fast, singing voice, slow, speaking voice, warm up

Dynamics (Theme: Seaside)

dynamics, instrument, seaside, soundscape, symbol, volume

Sound patterns (Theme: Fairy Tales)

character, voice, sound pattern

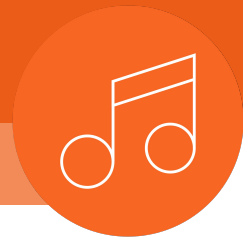
Pitch and tempo (Theme: Superheroes)

high, low, pattern, performance, pitch, tempo

Vocal and Body sounds (Theme: Under the sea)

dynamics, pitch, rest (gap), sound pattern, tempo

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Year 2

Call and response (Theme: Animals)

call and response, sound pattern, dynamics

Instruments (Musical storytelling)

dynamics, **encore**, **instrumental sound**, **sound effect**, tempo

Contrasting dynamics (Space)

composer, dynamics, **pitch pattern**, **planet**, **representation**, **soundscape**, tempo

Singing (On this island)

composer, **composition**, dynamics, **inspiration**, pitch

Structure (Myths and legends)

legend, **myth**, composition, **notation**, rest, **rhythm**, **structure**, tempo, **two half beats**, **one beat**.

Pitch (Musical Me)

dot, low, notation, **phrase**, pitch, **stave**



Ballads

ballad, chorus, compose, dynamics, emotions, **ensemble**, facial **expressions**, **features**, **feelings**, instrumentals, lyrics, melody, **nonsense words**, performance, **phrases**, **poem**, pop songs, rehearse, rhyme, solo, **stanza**, **story mountain**, **summarize**, tune, verse, vocabulary, volume

Creating compositions in response to an animation (Theme: Mountains)

atmosphere, compose, composition, dynamics, ensemble, influence, in-time, layers, letter notation, **melodic pattern**, melody, opinion, notation, pitch, **repeated rhythm**, represent, sound effect, soundscape, story, tempo, timbre, tuned percussion, untuned percussion,

Developing singing technique (Theme: The Vikings)

accuracy, backing track, beat, body percussion, call and response, **co-ordinated**, **crotchet**, discipline, duration, dynamics, in-time, in-tune, layer, lyrics, **key change**, **major key**, **minim**, **minor key**, notation, part, pulse, quaver, rehearse, rhythm, rhythmic notation, sound effects, stave notation, tempo, **tension**, tune, vocal warm-up,

Pentatonic melodies and composition (Theme: Chinese New Year)

accuracy, **crescendo**, **control**, composition, duration, dynamics, expression, features, **fluency**, **folk music**, glockenspiel, **grid notation**, **harmony**, **layered melodies**, letter notation, melody, **musical terminology**, notation, notes, **octaves**, **pentatonic melody**, **pentatonic scale**, **phrases**, **scale**, timbre, tempo, untuned percussion,

Jazz

call and response, **traditional jazz**, improvisation, **jazz**, **off-beat**, motif, pitch, **ragtime**, rhythm, **scat singing**, **straight quaver**, **strung quaver**, **swung rhythm**, **swing music**, **syncopated rhythm**, **syncopation**, tune,

Traditional instruments and improvisation (Theme: India)

Bollywood, compose, **drone**, dynamics, **harmonium**, improvise, **Indian flute**, lyrics, melodic line, notation, opinion, pitch, repeated rhythm, rhythm, **rag**, **sarangi**, **sitar**, **tabla**, **tala**, tempo,



Body and tuned percussion (Theme: Rainforests)

body percussion, combine, compose, **contrasting rhythms**, dynamics, inspiration, layers, **loop**, **organisation**, repeated melodies, melody line, pitch, record, rhythm, sections, structure, tempo, texture, tune, tuned percussion

Rock and Roll

bass line, beat, chorus, dynamics, **flat notes**, **hand jive**, in-time, in-tune, notation, **originate**, pitch, rhythm, rhythmic patterns, **rock and roll**, sections, sequence, **sharp notes**, style, tempo, untuned percussion, verse, vocals, **walking bass line**

Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics (Theme: Rivers)

a capella, **breath control**, **cue**, **diction**, directing, dynamics, expression, **harmony line**, layer, melody, mood, notation, opinion, **ostinato**, percussion, **in the round**, parts, rhythm, staff notation, tempo, texture, **vocal ostinato**

Haiku, music and performance (Theme: Hanami festival)

composing, **col legno**, descriptive, dynamics, duration, effect, **forte**, **glissando**, **haiku**, inspiration, inter-related dimensions of music, melody, **piano**, pitch, **pizzicato**, represent, silent, **sliding pitch**, sound, sound effects, **staccato**, structure, syllable, tempo, texture, timbre, verse, vocabulary

Samba and carnival sounds and instruments (Theme: South America)

agogo, **bateria**, **caixa**, **carnival**, **chocalho**, composition, crescendo, **cowbell**, dynamics, ensemble, features, **ganza**, influenced, **metronome**, off-beat, percussion, pulse, **repique**, rhythm, **rhythmic break**, **samba**, **samba breaks**, structure, **surdo**, **syncopated rhythms**, **tamborim**, texture, unison, untuned percussion

Adapting and transposing motifs (Theme: Romans)

backing track, bass line, beat, call and response, compose, **crotchet**, **dotted minim**, flats, graphic notation, in-time, in-tune, key, **key signature**, loop, lyrics, **minim**, motif, notation, ostinato, pitch, **quavers**, repeating patterns, repetition, rhythm, rhythmic notation, riff, **semibreve**, sharps, tempo, **transpose**, tuned instrument, **vocal warm-ups**



Composition notation (Theme: Ancient Egypt)

accuracy, backing track, **balance**, composition, control, crotchet, **dotted minim**, ensemble, expression, features, fluency, lyrics, minim, minor key, notation, parts, pitch, **pitch notation**, quaver, repeating, rhythm, semibreve, **sheet music**, **staff notation**, **stave**, structure, tempo, tune, tuned percussion, unison, vocal warm-ups

Blues

12-bar blues, **ascending scale**, backing track, **bar**, bent notes, blues, **blues scale**, **chord**, convey, **descending scale**, expression, features, flat, improvisation, lyrics, pitch, quavers, scale, sharp, solo, staff notation

South and West Africa

a capella, **break**, call and response, chords, chord progression, **diction**, **djembe**, duo, dynamics, **eight-beat break**, ensemble, expression, improvisation, major chord, **master drummer**, metronome, performance, **polyrhythms**, **pronunciation**, pulse, ostinato, rests, rhythm, soloist, syncopation, tempo, tuned percussion, unaccompanied, vocals

Composition to represent the festival of colour (Theme: Holi festival)

dynamics, graphic score, inspiration, layering, mood, pitch, represent, soundtrack, **synesthesia**, tempo, texture, timbre, **visual representation**, vocal sounds

Looping and remixing

accuracy, backbeat, body percussion, **fragment**, layers, loop, looped rhythm, melody, melody line, notation, ostinato, remix, rhythm, riff, structure

Musical theatre

action song, **backdrop**, **book musical**, **character song**, **choreographer**, composer, **comic opera**, **costumes**, **designer**, **dialogue**, **director**, duet, ensemble, **hip-hop musical**, **jukebox musical**, **librettist**, **libretto**, **lyricist**, **musical director**, **musical theatre**, **opera**, **operetta**, performers, **props**, **rock musical**, **scene**, solo, tempo, timbre, **transitions**



Dynamics, pitch and texture

classical, **characterise**, composition, conductor, depict, dynamics, ensemble, graphic score, improvisation, notation, orchestra, pitch, texture

Songs of World War 2

accuracy, backing track, compare, contrast, **complement**, control, **counter-melody**, diaphragm, dynamics, **era**, expression, features, graphic score, harmony, harmonise, lyrics, melody, melody line, **morale**, **notate**, octave, parts, performance techniques, phrase, **phrasing**, pitch, purpose, **score**, **Solfa**, **Solfa ladder**, tempo

Film music

chromatics, conversation, evoke, graphic score, imagery, improvise, interval, major, minor, modulate, notate, pitch, **sound effects**, **soundtrack**, **tremolo**, unison

Theme and variations (Theme: Pop Art)

3/4 time, **4/4 time**, **accidentals**, body percussion, diaphragm, **legato**, motif, orchestra, percussion, phrases, pitch, pizzicato, pulse, quaver, rhythm, rhythmic elements, section, **semi-quaver**, staccato, tempo, theme, **TIKI-TIKI**, **TI-TIKI**, **TIKI-TI**, **translate**, **variations**, vocal line, woodwind

Baroque

Baroque, bass clef, **bass instrument**, **canon**, counter melody, **counter-subject**, **fugue**, **ground bass**, improvise, melodic ostinato, melody, musical structure, opera, ostinato part, pitch, **polyphonic**, oratorio, **recitative**, a round, rhythmic ostinato, **sharp note**, staff notation, **subject**, texture

Composing and performing a Leavers' song

allegro, arrangement, backing track, chorus, chord progression, compose, crescendo, **diminuendo**, dynamics, evaluate, forte, **largo**, lyrics, melody, mood, musical features, notation, piano, **poetic structure**, repetitive, rhyme, **ritardando**, tempo, sequence, stave notation, structure, upbeat, verse

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Instrumental scheme



South Africa

beater, body percussion, bouncing, compose, crotchet, dynamics, grip, gumboot dance, harmonic ostinato, lines, minim, music notation, ostinati, rest, rhythm, semibreve, south africa, spaces, staff notation, staff/stave, traditional, treble clef, tuned percussion

Caribbean

calypso, crotchet, kaiso, minim, pentatonic scale, quaver, semibreve, steel pan

South America

cha-cha-cha, latin music, melody, pitch, rhythm, rumba, salsa, samba, scale, son cubano, tango

Indonesia

calypso, cyclical, gamelan, gumboot, octave, salsa, slendro scale, timbre

India

ambient sounds, body percussion, bollywood, crescendo, crotchet, dynamics, duration, harmony, masala, minim, performance direction, pitch, playback singer, quaver

North America

EDM, harmony, interlocking phrases, layered textures, melody, minimalist music, ostinato, synthesiser

As there are several options for where you might incorporate the instrumental lessons into your music curriculum, we have not bolded new vocabulary on this page.