






Crotchet	A musical note lasting 1 beat	
Minim	A 2 beat note	
Adagio	At a slow speed	
Drone	A sustained sound, which could be a single note or a chord.	
Bass line/ Ground Bass	A repeating bass line	
Internalising words	To hear the words in your head without saying them out loud	

Ostinato	A repeated musical phrase or rhythm	
Paired quavers	two quavers, half a beat each which together equals 1 beat	
Pentatonic scale	A five note scale Eg C, D, E, G, A	
Pulse	The regular 'heartbeat' of a piece, holding the core timing together in a song	
Rest	Rests can be put in place of a note, signalling a pause.	
Riff	Another word for a melodic ostinato (short repeated phrase)	

Syncopation	Changes in rhythm where notes are accented.
Tempo	The speed at which a piece of music is played
Time signatures	Two numbers that sit on top of each other to specify how many beats are contained in each musical bar, and which note value is equivalent to a musical beat



Diction	forming words clearly and accurately
Dynamics	<u>the</u> volume of sound.
Harmony	<u>the</u> sound of 2 or more notes heard at the same time.
Octave	a distance of eight notes (eg. A-B-C-D-E-F-G-A')
Pentatonic scale	A five note scale <u>Eg</u> C, D, E, G, A

Phrase	<u>a</u> series of notes that sound complete even when played apart from the main song.
Ostinato	A repeated musical phrase or rhythm
Pitch	how high or low a note is
Pitch-match	sing the same pitch as the leader
Rhythm	the pattern of sounds played through time, formed by a series of notes

Scale	<u>a</u> set of musical notes ordered by pitch.
Tempo	The speed at which a piece of music is played
Tone	A musical or vocal sound with reference to its pitch, quality, and strength.