



Star Wars Glossary

Keyword	What is the definition? How does it sound?
John Williams	A famous film composer who composed film scores such as Jurassic Park, Harry Potter etc.
Fortissimo	A very loud dynamic/volume.
Sforzando/Sfz	Stress and emphasis on a note.
Symphony Orchestra	A musical ensemble that uses all instruments from the musical families.
Tremolando	Rapid repetition on one note/the note sounds like it is 'trembling'
Leitmotif	A musical phrase that represents a character, theme or setting.
Theme A	4 bar idea at the beginning of the piece– represents heroic theme.
Stepwise	A melody that moves in steps, the notes are mainly next to each other.
Leaps	A melody that moves in leaps, the notes are at a distance from each other.
Rising Perfect 5th	The melody is rising in pitch with a distance of a 5 th /5 notes between the two notes.
Theme B	4 bar idea – represents the idea of unity between forces in space.
Anacrusis	Playing on the upbeat.
Rising 6th	The melody is rising in pitch with a distance of a 6 th /6 notes between the two notes.
Contrary Motion	When a two melodies move in opposite directions at the same time.
Structure	Main titles- ABA then through composed for Rebel Blockade Runner
Melody dominated homophony	Melody and accompaniment – one instrument has a main melody and the other's accompany.
Homophonic	Chordal texture – the instruments will be playing chords in unison. Sometimes, there will be a melody playing over the top
Pedal	A repeated or long held note
Tempo	100 bpm = Andante = Walking Speed
4/4 Time Signature	4 crotchet beats in a bar
Fanfares	A melody that is played by brass instruments that represent importance or royalty.
Imperfect Cadence	When a piece of music sounds finished and has a chord progression of V-I/5 to 1. e.g end of Theme A
Key signature	Bb Major

Dissonance	A clashing sound.