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Keyword	Definition/Explanation
Dynamics	How loud or soft the music is and any changes in volume
Rhythm	Different note lengths and devices used
Tempo	The speed of the music
Metre	The time signature of the piece e.g 4/4, 12/8
Tonality	The key of the music and whether it is major/minor/modal/atonal
Structure	The organisation of the music and the phrases
Melody	The shape of the tune
Instrumentation	The instruments heard, it's role and any techniques used
Texture	How the layers of music are arranged
Harmony	How the different pitches sound together

Element	Most common keywords
Dynamics	Loud, quiet, Italian terms like piano, forte, crescendo
Rhythm	Note values (crotchets, quavers) <i>Devices:</i> syncopation, ostinato/riff/loop
Tempo	(in order of speed) Largo, Andante, Moderato, Allegro, Presto
Structure	Verse-chorus form, ABA, Sonata, Strophic
Melody	Conjunct, disjunct, triadic, scalar <i>Devices-</i> sequence, repetition
Texture	Monophonic, Homophonic, Polyphonic, Melody dominated homophony
Harmony	Diatonic, Chromatic, Chords, Cadences, Consonant, Dissonant <i>Devices:</i> Pedal, Circle of 5ths, Drone