

1. <b>lower mordent</b>	a sequence in which we hear a note, then the one below it, then the first note	24. <b>oratorio</b>	a musical composition (most often in the classical style) featuring a solo singer usually accompanied by a full orchestra and choir
2. <b>lyrics</b>	the words of a song or piece of music	25. <b>ornamentation</b>	the decoration of a melody or harmony with special features to add interest and expressive qualities, such as a trill, mordent or glissando
3. <b>macro structure</b>	overall structure of a whole piece of music; can be standard or non-standard	26. <b>ostinato</b>	a constantly repeated musical phrase in the same instrument or voice; can be rhythmic, melodic or harmonic
4. <b>mainstream music</b>	music heard and enjoyed by most people in the artist's time; can encompass rock music, pop music, alternative, hip-hop, rap and other styles popular today		
5. <b>material</b>	substance used to make something, such as the strings of a guitar		
6. <b>melisma</b>	the singing of several notes to one syllable		
7. <b>melodic contour</b>	the shape of the melody		
8. <b>melodic ostinato</b>	a repeated melodic pattern		
9. <b>melodic role</b>	fulfilled by an instrument or voice that holds the melody in a piece of music		
10. <b>melody</b>	a horizontal succession of pitches		
11. <b>membranophones</b>	instruments that feature a stretched membrane, or skin; usually, although not always, drum-like		
12. <b>metre</b>	the grouping of beats in a piece of music and the basis for measuring musical time		
13. <b>mezzo forte</b>	moderately loud		
14. <b>mezzo piano</b>	moderately soft		
15. <b>mezzo-soprano</b>	female vocal type in the middle range between alto and soprano		
16. <b>micro structure</b>	internal structure of a piece of music, as in specific sections, or a phrase or verse		
17. <b>microtone</b>	literally a 'small tone', an interval smaller than a semitone		
18. <b>modes</b>	scales on which modal tonality, the earliest documented scale system, is based		
19. <b>modulation</b>	the change of key in music		
20. <b>monophonic</b>	a texture characterised by a single melodic line		
21. <b>motif</b>	a melodic, harmonic or rhythmic fragment heard throughout a piece of music that helps unify the piece		
22. <b>notation</b>	the written representation of music; can be traditional or graphic		
23. <b>note value</b>	the length or duration of a note		