



The Elements of Music

C D E F G A B C

RHYTHM: Pattern of sounds (duration)

STRUCTURE: How a piece is put together

PITCH: High or low sounds

TEMPO: The speed

INSTRUMENTS: Things we play music on

SILENCE : Rests / absence of sound

DYNAMICS: Volume

TIMBRE: Sound quality

TEXTURE: How a piece of music is layered

Y7 knowledge organiser



Instruments of the Orchestra

String Family:

Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp

Key terms:

Pizzicato, Arco



Brass Family:

Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba

Key terms:

Razz / Buzz,
Valves, Slide



Woodwind Family:

Piccolo, Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet,
Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bassoon

Key terms:

Keys, No
Single reed,
reed



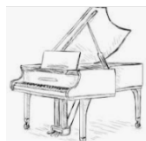
reed,
Double

Percussion Family:

Piano, Xylophone, Timpani/Kettle
drums, Snare, Tambourine, Bells
Maracas, Bass Drum, Cymbals

Key terms:

Tuned, Un-tuned,
Shake, Hit, Scrape



RHYTHM NOTATION:

Sign	Name	Relative Length	In 4/4 Time	Rest
	Semi breve	Whole note	4 beats	
	Minim	Half note	2 beats	
	Crotchet	Quarter note	1 beat	
	Quaver	Eighth note	1/2 beat	
	Semiquaver	Sixteenth note	1/4 beat	