

Musical terms

Key of music that sounds sad

ff

Short, detached notes

modulation

Smooth articulation

f

Getting gradually louder

accelerando

Getting gradually quieter

p

Getting gradually faster

legato

Getting gradually slower

mf

Very quiet

staccato

Quiet

diminuendo

Medium quiet

crescendo

Medium loud

mp

Loud

rallentando

Very loud

pp

Change of key

minor key

ARTICULATION

Speed of the music

TIMBRE

Main tune

TEXTURE

Louds and quietness in the music

RHYTHM

Tone quality of instruments/ voices

MUSIC NOT HEARD BY CHARACTERS

Major or minor key

MELODY

The way a note is played (e.g. staccato)

TONALITY

Different layers of music within a piece

MUSIC HEARD BY CHARACTERS

Durations of notes and beats

TEMPO

Repeated pattern

OSTINATO

Leitmotif

DYNAMICS

Mickey mousing

STRUCTURE

Non-diegetic music

THEME FOR A CHARACTER

Diegetic music

DISCORD

Different sections in the music

MUSIC MIMICKING MOV'T

Chord with clashing notes