

Music Vocabulary Matching Worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: Match each vocabulary word on the left with its correct definition on the right by writing the corresponding letter in the blank.

Part 1: Genre & Style

___ 1. Upbeat

___ 2. Mellow

___ 3. Catchy

___ 4. Acoustic

___ 5. Instrumental

- A. Soft, relaxed, and soothing music—great for background listening.
- B. Music played with natural instruments (like an un-amplified guitar) rather than electronic ones.
- C. A song without vocals or lyrics.
- D. Music that has a fast tempo and a positive, energetic feel.
- E. A tune or hook that sticks in your head easily.

Part 2: Rhythm & Beat

___ 6. Beat

___ 7. Tempo

___ 8. Rhythm

___ 9. Groove

- F. The speed at which a piece of music is played (fast vs. slow).
- G. A rhythmic feel or sense of swing that makes you want to move.
- H. The pattern of sounds and silences in time.
- I. The steady, underlying pulse of the song (what you tap your foot to).

Part 3: Structure & Elements

___ 10. Verse

___ 11. Chorus

___ 12. Bridge

___ 13. Hook

___ 14. Lyrics

- J. The words of a song.
- K. A contrasting section in a song that leads into the final chorus, adding variety.
- L. A memorable musical phrase or line designed to grab the listener's attention.
- M. The part of the song that tells the story and changes lyrics each time.
- N. The main, repeated part of the song that contains the core message or title (usually the catchiest part).

Part 4: Opinion & Emotion

___ 15. Overrated / Underrated

___ 16. Hypnotic

___ 17. Emotional / Moving

___ 18. Monotonous

___ 19. Filler

- O. Music that evokes a strong feeling (sadness, joy, nostalgia).
- P. Popular way beyond what it deserves vs. not getting enough credit.
- Q. Weaker tracks on an album are put there just to add length.
- R. Music that is so repetitive and rhythmic it puts you almost in a trance.
- S. Music that stays on the same note or rhythm for too long and feels boring.