

LET'S GO YODELLING



1. ALLEGRO
fast and lively manner of playing music

2. ALTO (ALSO CONTRALTO)
singing voice (of a female) of the lowest range

3. BAR one of the small parts of equal length into which a piece of music is divided

4. BARITONE
singing voice (of a male) of a range between tenor and bass

5. BASS
singing voice (of a male) of the lowest range

6. BEAT a unit of rhythm

7. CADENCE
sequence of chords that marks the end of a musical phrase

8. CHORD three or four notes played together in harmony

9. CLEF a symbol in sheet music defining the pitch of the notes

10. CONCERTO a piece of music for one or more solo instrumentalists who play the melody while the orchestra accompanies them

11. CONSONANCE
combination of musical notes that sound harmonious

12. CRESCENDO
gradual increase in the loudness of music

13. CROTCHET a quarter note

14. DIMINUENDO
gradual decrease in the loudness of music

15. DISSONANCE
combination of musical notes that do not sound harmonious

16. FALSETTO
singing voice (of a male) which is unusually high

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John Keats wrote, 'Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on.' Yes, the power of music is such that even unheard melodies are sweet. With World Music Day on 21st June, we now get attuned to words related to music in part 9 of our special series 'World of Words'.

17. FLAT symbol in sheet music denoting that a note is to be played half a step lower

18. HARMONY
pleasant combination of notes

19. KEY set of notes based on a particular note

20. MAESTRO a musical genius

21. MAJOR one of the two octave arrangements of the tonal system (generally denoting cheerfulness)

22. MEDLEY many tunes sung one after the other as one piece of music

23. MELODY the main tune in a piece of music

24. MINOR one of the two octave arrangements of the tonal system (generally denoting melancholy)

25. MINIM
a half note

26. NOTE a single sound of a certain length and pitch

27. OCTAVE the range of musical notes between the first and last (eighth) one on a scale

28. OPERA a musical play where the words are sung

29. ORCHESTRA
a large group of musicians playing different instruments, led by a conductor

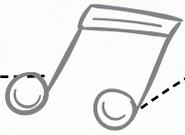
30. PITCH the highness or lowness of a note

31. PRESTO
indication in sheet music for fast tempo

32. QUAVER an eighth of a note

33. RHAPSODY music that expresses powerful feelings

34. RHYTHM
regular repeated pattern of beats



35. SCALE series of musical notes (especially eight) in the ascending or descending order with fixed intervals between each note

36. SCORE written or printed form of music depicting the parts for all the instruments and voices

37. SHARP symbol in sheet music denoting that a note is to be played half a step higher

38. SONATA a complex piece of music with different parts

39. SOPRANO singing voice (of a female) of the highest range

40. STACCATO short, sharp detached notes

41. STAFF five horizontal lines (with equal spaces between them) on which musical notation is written



42. SYMPHONY a long piece of music, usually with four parts, meant for an orchestra

43. TEMPO speed of music

44. TIMBRE the tonal quality of sound that distinguishes one sound from the other

45. TONIC the first note of a scale or the chord built on that note

46. TREBLE the upper half of the range of musical notes

47. TUNING the raising or lowering of the pitch of an instrument

48. UNISON two or more voices or instruments singing at or playing the same note simultaneously

49. VIBRATO creating variation in pitch by a shaking effect in singing or playing an instrument

50. YODEL frequent change of voice while singing between the normal and very high level 

