

## Music knowledge organiser

**PULSE:** the steady beat of a piece of a piece of music

**PITCH:** the melody and the way the notes change from low to high and vice versa.

**RHYTHM:** or duration is the pattern of long and short sounds in a piece of music

**DYNAMICS:** Loud (forte) and soft (piano) gradually getting louder (crescendo) gradually getting quieter (diminuendo)

**TEMPO:** Fast and slow

Rallentando/ accelerando (gradually decreasing/ increasing in speed)

**TIMBRE:** The type of sound - whisper/hum/sing/talk (examples with the voice) or twinkly/hard/soft (examples with instruments)

**TEXTURE:** Layers of sound (number of instruments or voices playing together)

**STRUCTURE:** The way the music is laid out -e.g. Verse, chorus, verse.



crotchet (1 beat)



minim (2 beat)



semibreve (4 beats)



quaver (half a beat)