

INSTRUMENTS & TECHNIQUES

Drum kit parts
 Viola, Cello, Double bass, Oboe, Bassoon, French horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Timpani, Electric/bass/acoustic guitar

Ensembles
 Hi-hat, snare drum, bass drum, cymbal

String techniques
 Arco (bowed), Pizzicato (plucked)

Brass techniques
 Uses mute

Guitar techniques
 Strummed/plucked

Choir
 Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass

Music tech
 Delay (echo), Synthesiser, Reverb, EQ

MELODY

Scallic

Large/small pitch range

Ascending/descending/arch-shaped

Improvised

Uses a motif

Move step-wise

Large leaps

Glissando (pitch slide)

HARMONY & TONALITY

The chord sequence is.....

It is in a major key 😊

It is in a minor key 😞

It sounds atonal (no key) 😬

Dissonant (clashing harmonies) ⚡

There is a modulation (key change) at ...

TEXTURE & PARTS

Monophonic (single melody, no accompaniment)

Homophonic (melody plus accompaniment)

Polyphonic (many melodies playing at once)

Parts layer up

Parts join in/drop out

Long held notes/chords

Short repeated notes

Block/broken chords

Played in octaves

Two-part texture

A cappella

Unison

Drone

Violin (High pitch)

Piano (Low pitch)

Flute

Saxophone

Clarinet

Harp

Staccato/legato

Chords

Thick texture (many different parts playing at once)

Thin texture (few parts playing at once)

There are ... sections

It has verses and choruses

Round

Binary form (AB)

Ternary form (ABA)

Rondo form (ABACADA)

Theme and variations (AA₁A₂)

Coda

Uses ostinato/riff

Call & response

Phrase that repeats/returns at the end

Pop Music

Intro Verse Chorus Middle 8 Bridge Outro

Getting louder

Loud

Dynamics stay the same

Getting quieter

Quiet

A repeating rhythm

Fast

Slow

Getting faster

Getting slower

Steady pulse

Rhythmic motif

Allegro (fast)

Andante (walking pace)

Largo (slow)

Accelerando (speeding up)

Rallentando (slowing down)

Sounds modern/old

Classical

Pop

Folk

Reggae

Jazz

Blues

Gospel

Fusion

STYLES & GENRES

Fortissimo

Forte

Mezzo-forte

Mezzo-piano

Piano

Pianissimo

Crescendo

Diminuendo

Sudden/gradual changes in dynamics

DYNAMICS

Balance

Music tech

Panning

Off-beat 1+ 2+ 3+

Syncopated (jazzy, off-beat rhythms)

STRUCTURE

TEMPO

RHYTHM