

THE
ELEMENTS

OF
MUSIC

BEAT

Pulse or heartbeat
of music

MELODY

Rhythm and pitch
connected to make a
tune

RHYTHM

Patterns of sounds
and silences above
the beat

HARMONY

Two or more different
pitches played
together

TEXTURE

Layers of sound
Monophonic, homophonic,
& polyphonic

DYNAMICS

The loudness and
softness of music

TEMPO

Speed of music

PITCH

High and low
of sound

FORM

How music is put
together

i.e. ABA, ABACA, fugue,
symphonic poem etc.

ACTIVE LISTENING

Using brain to decode music

TIMBRE

pronounced (tăm'bər)

Unique character or
quality of a sound or voice

COMPOSITION

A work of music

IMPROVISATION

To compose or
perform without
previous preparation

There was a BRILLIANT, MARSHMALLOW RABBIT who liked to play HOPSCOTCH and TEXT. He called on his best friend the DINOSAUR and said, “Hey, let’s go TICKLE our friend the PYTHON.” They thought it was so FUNNY. Suddenly they stopped and they ACTIVELY LISTENED. They heard someone yell, “TIMBER”. They said, “We better CLIMB out of this INCREDIBLE dream.”