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Basic Music Literacy

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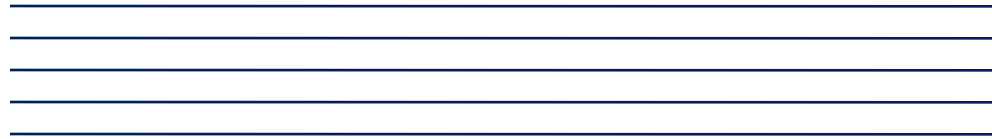
Music literacy is a language used to share music through reading and writing.

This language is written using special symbols that tell you what to play and how to play it.



Rhythm

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Rhythm is made up of beats and the gaps between the beats.

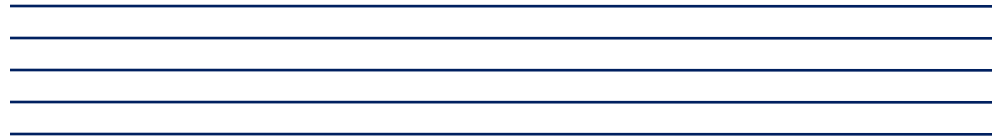
The beats and gaps are put together to form patterns.

When the patterns are repeated, a rhythm is formed



Pitch

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Music is made up of many sounds.

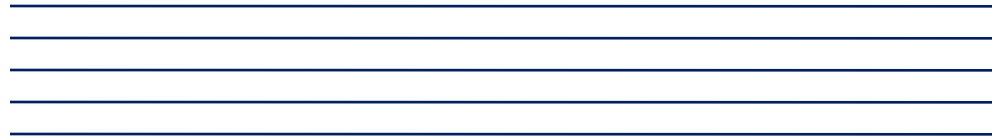
The sounds can be high, medium and low.

Pitch is the level of sound that is made.



Melody

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A melody is a group of notes played one after the other.

Another name for melody is tune.

Harmony is also a group of notes played one after the other, but supports the melody.



Dynamics

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Dynamics describe how loud or soft the music is played.

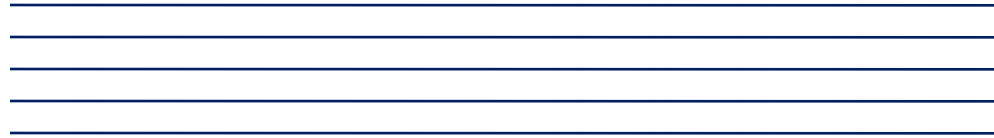
It also describes how the music is played.

Italian names are usually used to describe dynamics.



Dynamics

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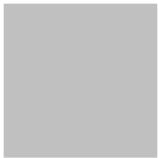
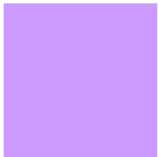
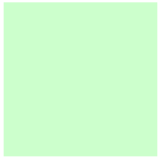
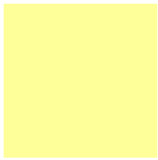


f - forte - loud

p - piano - quiet

Crescendo - becoming louder

Decrescendo - becoming softer



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