Spelling list: GCSE Music: Timbre, Dynamics, Phrasing, and Articulation 2

Key words for GCSE Music

orchestra

An **orchestra** is a large ensemble containing many players from different

instrument families.

reverb Reverb is an echo created in musical production.

distortion **Distortion** is changing a sound in musical production.

falsetto Falsetto is when you sing notes that are higher than your usual range.

pizzicato Pizzicato is the plucking of a stringed instrument.

arco **Arco** is the playing of a stringed instrument with a bow.

staccato Staccato is when individual notes are played in a short and detached way.

legato Legato is when individual notes are joined together and played smoothly.

slur A **slur** is when notes are joined together in legato articulation.

mezzo means half.

synthesizer A **synthesizer** is used to modify sounds in music production.

sforzando Sforzando is when a note or chord is emphasised.

marcato Marcato is when a note or chord is played louder than usual.

tenuto Tenuto is when a note or chord is held.