

Spelling list: GCSE Music: Texture and Melody 1

Key words for GCSE Music

ascending	If the pitch is getting higher, it is ascending .
descending	If the pitch is getting lower, it is descending .
step	A step is an interval between two notes that have a note between them.
leap	A leap is an interval of a third or more.
layers	Independent parts that are played at the same time are called layers .
contour	The contour of a melody is its shape.
decoration	An embellishment to a melody is called a decoration .
ornate	An ornate melody is elaborate.
conjunct	Conjunct describes melodic progression in steps.
disjunct	Disjunct describes melodic progression in leaps.
triadic	Melodies built around the notes in a triad are called triadic .
arpeggio	An arpeggio is when the notes from a chord are played one after the other.
scalic	Melodies that follow the order of a scale are called scalic .
ornamentation	An ornamentation is a note or group of notes added to embellish a melody.