

## Spelling list: GCSE Music: Rhythm and Metre 1

Key words for GCSE Music.

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| length    | The <b>length</b> of a note is how long it lasts for.  |
| note      | A <b>note</b> is a musical sound that is a specific pitch and length.  |
| speed     | The <b>speed</b> of the music is how fast it is played.  |
| duration  | The <b>duration</b> of the music is how long it lasts.   |
| beat      | A <b>beat</b> is a unit of time.   |
| regular   | If a rhythm or time signature is described as <b>regular</b> , it means it is common or symmetrical.         |
| irregular | If a rhythm or time signature is described as <b>irregular</b> , it means it is unexpected or asymmetrical.  |
| time      | The <b>time</b> signature indicates how many beats are in a bar.   |
| signature | The time <b>signature</b> indicates how many beats are in a bar.   |
| onbeat    | <b>Onbeat</b> rhythms are played on the strong beats of a bar.   |
| offbeat   | <b>Offbeat</b> rhythms are played on the weak beats of a bar.  |
| swung     | <b>Swung</b> quavers are quavers where the first part of the beat is slightly longer than the second.        |
| quavers   | Swung <b>quavers</b> are <b>quavers</b> where the first part of the beat is slightly longer than the second. |
| dotted    | <b>Dotted</b> rhythm alternates long notes with shorter notes.   |
| rhythm    | Dotted <b>rhythm</b> alternates long notes with shorter notes.   |