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 A cappella	Singing without accompaniment
 Accent	Emphasis on a note, word, or phrase
 Articulation	The way a sound is started and ended
 Attack	The beginning of a sound
 Breath	One cycle of inspiration/expiration
 Chord	Two or more pitches sounding together
 Chromatic	Moving in half-steps
 Compound meter	Meter that is made up of simple meters $2/4+3/4$
 Counting	Mentally breaking down a rhythm into divisions
 Diatonic	Moving within a key without changes
 Diction	Correct and clear pronunciation of consonants
 Diphthong	Two or more vowel sounds blended together
 Dynamics	Relative loudness or softness
 Embouchure	Mouth position in brass and woodwinds
 Harmony	The system of moving from chord to chord
 Homophonic	A style where all parts have the same rhythm

Intonation	Being in tune with accompaniment or others
Key--major	Based on a scale of w/w/h/w/w/w/h steps
Key--minor	Based on a scale of w/h/w/w/h/w/w steps
Melody	Pitches in sequence that form a pattern
Meter	The division of time into units
Phrase	Notes played or sung in one breath
Pitch	The highness or lowness of sound measured in Hz.
Placement	Vocal term--where the sound is placed in the head
Polyphonic	Where each part has an independent rhythm
Posture	Sitting/standing correctly and efficiently
Pulse	Feeling where the beat is
Release	How a sound is ended
Rhythm	How a sound is placed in time
Sacred	Music that is written for spiritual or religious use
Secular	Music that is written for entertainment
Slur	Playing a series of pitches without tonguing
Solfège	Italian system of pitch and interval ear training
Tempo	The speed at which a regular pulse is repeated
Tone color/Timbre	The relative brightness or darkness of a sound
Tongue	To start a sound with the tongue on reed or mthpce
Unison	Everyone on the same pitch

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