**Language Support: Talking about music**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **phrases you can use** | **your notes** |
| **rhythm/beat** * regular/steady
* disco/funky/hip-hop/techno
* high/low-density beat
* on-beat/off-beat
* strong/pressing/weak/slow
* beats per minute (bpm)
 |  |
| **tempo*** at a moderate/slow tempo
* at a walking pace
* quick/brisk/fast/upbeat
 |  |
| **melody*** beautiful/flowing/gentle/gorgeous/ lovely/soft/sweet/
* uplifting/lively/bright/cheerful
* simple/complex
* haunting/memorable/catchy
* melancholy/mournful/plaintive/sad
* dissonant/monotonous
 |  |
| **volume*** very/moderately loud/soft
* quiet/muted/intense/powerful
* sudden/abrupt/gradual changes in volume from … to…
* increase in/grow in/decrease in/fall in volume
* at full/maximum/… volume
 |  |
| **instruments*** piano, acoustic/electric guitar, bass, drums, choir, vocals, acoustic or synthetic instruments…
* The sound of the drums/… creates a … atmosphere.
 |  |
| **mood*** The general mood of… is…
* … creates/evokes/conveys/ establishes a … mood/a feeling of…
* the music puts the listener in a … mood
* The music has captured/caught the mood/theme/… of the sonnet.
* cheerful/pleasant/optimistic/positive
* negative/pessimistic
* dark/depressed/gloomy/sad/ somber/aggressive/dramatic
* romantic/emotional
* playful/fun/energetic
* relaxed/calm/tranquil
 |  |