Experimenting with music

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Word	Example
experimenting	**Experimenting** with sounds helps you find new ideas.
one variable	Change only **one variable**, such as speed, and keep everything else the same.
prepared piano	A **prepared piano** has objects placed on its strings to change the sound.
timbre /ˈtæmbə/	**Timbre** is the special sound of each instrument.
texture /ˈtekstʃə/	Thick **texture** has many instruments playing at once.
monophonic	A **monophonic** texture has only one melody line.
major third	C to E is a **major third**. C E
metre	A waltz has a **metre** of three beats in a bar.
tresillo	The **tresillo** rhythm groups eight beats as 3 + 3 + 2. 3 + 3 + 2
rationale /ˌræʃəˈnæl/	Write a **rationale** that explains your choices.
commentary /ˈkɒməntri/	Add a short **commentary** about each piece.
experimentation /ekˌsperɪmənˈteɪʃn/	**Experimentation** means trying out new musical ideas.
accent /ˈæksənt/	An **accent** is a note played louder than the others.

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