Presenting music

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Word	Example
composition /ˌkɒmpəˈzɪʃn/	Her new **composition** is for piano.
improvisation /ˌɪmprəvaɪˈzeɪʃn/	**Improvisation** means making up music as you play.
ostinatos	The bass repeats several **ostinatos** under the melody.
structure /ˈstrʌktʃə/	Verse and chorus form the **structure** of a pop song.
solo /ˈsəʊləʊ/	He played a **solo** on the guitar.
ensemble /ɒnˈsɒmbl/	An **ensemble** is a group of musicians.
interpretation /ɪnˌtɜːprɪˈteɪʃn/	Each dancer gives the piece a personal **interpretation**.
diminuendo	A **diminuendo** means the music gets gradually quieter.
programme notes /ˈprəʊgræm nəʊts/	Write **programme notes** for the audience.

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