

# Band Vocabulary Words

Vocabulary Words	Band Grade Level	High Value Words	Key
accent	I -- beg.	X	I=6th Grade Orchestra
accidental	I -- beg.	X	II=7th Grade Orchestra
accompaniment	I -- beg.	X	III=8th Grade Orchestra
arpeggio	I -- beg.		IV=Senior High Orchestra
arrangement	I -- beg.	X	
articulation	I -- beg.		
audience	I -- beg.		* High Value means a term that has
audition	I -- beg.		more than one meaning.
auditorium	I -- beg.		
aural	I -- beg.		
balance	I -- beg.	X	
band	I -- beg.	X	
bar line	I -- beg.		
beat	I -- beg.	X	
blend	I -- beg.	X	
brass	I -- beg.	X	
breath mark	I -- beg.		
chord	I -- beg.	X	
clef	I -- beg.		
common time	I -- beg.		

diaphragm	-- beg.	
dot	-- beg.	
double bar	-- beg.	
duet	-- beg.	X
duration	-- beg.	
dynamics	-- beg.	X
embouchure	-- beg.	
enharmonic	-- beg.	
ensemble	-- beg.	X
first ending	-- beg.	
flat (pitch)/flat (sign)	-- beg.	X
half step	-- beg.	
harmony	-- beg.	X
improvisation	-- beg.	X
interval (second, third, etc.)	-- beg.	X
intonation	-- beg.	
jazz	-- beg.	
key signature	-- beg.	X
ledger/leger line	-- beg.	
major	-- beg.	X
march	-- beg.	X
measure	-- beg.	X
measure repeat	-- beg.	
''	-- beg.	

melody	-- beg.	X
metronome	-- beg.	
multiple measure rest	-- beg.	
music alphabet	-- beg.	
natural (sign)	-- beg.	X
notation	-- beg.	X
octave	-- beg.	X
pattern (rhythmic, melodic, conducting)	-- beg.	X
percussion	-- beg.	X
phrase	-- beg.	X
pick-up note	-- beg.	
pitch	-- beg.	X
posture	-- beg.	X
practice	-- beg.	X
pulse	-- beg.	X
quartet	-- beg.	
quintet	-- beg.	
range	-- beg.	X
rehearsal	-- beg.	X
release	-- beg.	X
repeat sign	-- beg.	
rest	-- beg.	X
rhythm	-- beg.	X

rock and roll	-- beg.	
round	-- beg.	X
scale	-- beg.	X
second ending	-- beg.	
sharp (pitch)/sharp (sign)	-- beg.	X
sight read	-- beg.	
slur	-- beg.	X
staff	-- beg.	X
subdivide	-- beg.	X
theme/theme and variations	-- beg.	X
tie	-- beg.	X
timbre	-- beg.	
time signature	-- beg.	
tone/tone quality	-- beg.	X
tonguing	-- beg.	
trio	-- beg.	X
triplet	-- beg.	
tuner	-- beg.	X
tuning	-- beg.	
unison	-- beg.	
upbeat	-- beg.	X
warm up	-- beg.	X
whole step	-- beg.	
woodwind	-- beg.	

allegro	I -- beg. (jr.)	
andante	I -- beg. (jr.)	
diminuendo	I -- beg. (jr.)	
fermata	I -- beg. (jr.)	
forte	I -- beg. (jr.)	X
maestoso	I -- beg. (jr.)	
mezzo	I -- beg. (jr.)	
moderato	I -- beg. (jr.)	
piano	I -- beg. (jr.)	X
solli	I -- beg. (jr.)	
solo	I -- beg. (jr.)	X
staccato	I -- beg. (jr.)	X
tacet	I -- beg. (jr.)	
tempo	I -- beg. (jr.)	
(note values)	I/II	
alla breve	I/II -- int.	
canon	I/II -- int.	X
chorale	I/II -- int.	
circle of fifths	I/II -- int.	
minor	I/II -- int.	X
movement	I/II -- int.	X
overtone	I/II -- int.	X
syncopation	I/II -- int.	
trill	I/II -- int.	

a tempo	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
accelerando	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
al fine	I/II -- int. (jr.)	X
allegretto	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
andantino	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
animato	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
cantabile	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
chromatic	I/II -- int. (jr.)	X
coda	I/II -- int. (jr.)	X
con brio	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
con spirito	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
crescendo	I/II -- int. (jr.)	X
da capo	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
dal segno/segno	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
decrescendo	I/II -- int. (jr.)	X
dolce	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
etude	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
fortissimo	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
grazioso	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
largo	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
legato	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
marcato	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
marziale	I/II -- int. (jr.)	

molto	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
pianissimo	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
poco a poco	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
presto	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
rallentando	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
ritardando	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
tenuto	I/II -- int. (jr.)	
form	III/IV	X
poco	III/IV (cl.)	
simile	III/IV (cl.)	X
bottom valve cap		
bumper		X
buzzing		X
lead pipe		
lip slurs		
slide		X
slide cream		
snake		X
tubing		X
tuning slide		
valve brush		
valve cap		
valves		X
water key/spit valve		

bell		
mouthpiece		
oil		X
piston		X
barrel/neck (bs.)		
lower joint		
register key		
upper joint		
keys		X
pads		X
rods		X
cork grease		
ligature		
reed		X
swab		X
thumb rest		
cleaning rod		
closed hole		
crown/cap		X
foot joint		
head joint		
lip plate/embouchure plate		
open hole		
tone hole(s)		

body		X
batter head		
buzz		X
double		X
grip		X
lugs		
matched		X
roll		X
rudiment		
snare head		
snares		
stand		X
sticking		X
stroke		X
tap		X
tension rods		
traditional		X
neck		X
neck strap		
octave key		
alto		X
analyze		X
anthem		

articulate		X
audio		
balance point		
bar		X
baritone		X
Baroque		
bass		X
bass clef		
bass drum		
bassoon		
baton		
bells		
blues		X
body percussion		
bongo		
brace		X
bracket		X
bright		X
broadway		
broken chord		
cabasa		
call and response		
carol		X
castanets		

chamber music		
chant		
chordal		
chorus		
clarinet		
Classical		X
color		X
compose/composer		
composition		X
compound meter/time		
concert		
concert etiquette		
conductor		X
conga		
create		X
cue		
cut time		
D.C. al fine		
dance		X
degree		X
divisi		
dotted note		
double bass		
down beat		

drum		
duple meter		
ending		X
energetic		
euphonium		
expression		
expressivo		
F clef		
fast		X
finale		
fine		X
fingering		
flag		X
flute		
folk music		
forceful		
forte-piano		
French horn		
frequency		X
G clef		
genre		
gong		
gospel music		
		X

grand staff		X
guiro		
guitar		
half note		
half rest		
harp		
homophony		
horn		
hymn		
imitation		
instrument		X
intensity		
intermission		
introduction		X
karaoke		
kettle drum		
keyboard		
leap		X
lightly		
listening		
long		
loud		
lower half		

lullaby		
lyrical		
major triad		
maracas		
meter		X
meter signature		
mezzo forte		
mezzo piano		
middle "c"		
middle ages		
minor triad		
monophonic		
monotone		
musical		X
mute		X
mysterioso		
nationalistic		
note		X
nut		X
part		X
partner song		
patriotic		
perform/performance		X
pit		X

pitch pipe		
polyphonic		
polyphony		
position		X
quarter note		
quarter rest		
recital		
repetition		
score		X
section		X
sheet music		
simple meter		
sixteenth note		
skill		X
skip		X
steady beat		
step		X
style		X
sustain		X
tension		X
terraced dynamics		
texture		X
thumb position		
time		X

tip		X
tonic		X
tonic chord		
treble		
triad		
tuning fork		
tutti		
unpitched instruments		
variation		X
volume		X
whistle		X
whole note		
whole rest		
(instrument specific vocab)	I/II	
ovation	I/II	
(historical periods)	III/IV	
ballad/ballade	III/IV	X
cadence	III/IV	
codetta	III/IV	
concerto	III/IV	
consonance	III/IV	X
countermelody	III/IV	
descant	III/IV	

development	III/IV	X
dissonance	III/IV	X
embellishment	III/IV	X
exposition	III/IV	
fugue	III/IV	
grace note	III/IV	
harmonic	III/IV	
melodic	III/IV	
modulation	III/IV	
obligato	III/IV	
overture	III/IV	
program music	III/IV	
recapitulation	III/IV	
register	III/IV	X
resolution	III/IV	X
rondo	III/IV	
sonata	III/IV	
subject (fugue)	III/IV	X
transposition	III/IV	
vibrato	III/IV	
a poco	III/IV (cl.)	
adagietto	III/IV (cl.)	
adagio	III/IV (cl.)	X
agitato	III/IV (cl.)	

alla	III/IV (cl.)	
allargando	III/IV (cl.)	
appassionato	III/IV (cl.)	
brillante	III/IV (cl.)	
con anima	III/IV (cl.)	
con forza	III/IV (cl.)	
con grazia	III/IV (cl.)	
energico	III/IV (cl.)	
furioso	III/IV (cl.)	
grandioso	III/IV (cl.)	
grave	III/IV (cl.)	X
largetto	III/IV (cl.)	
lento	III/IV (cl.)	
l'istesso	III/IV (cl.)	
meno	III/IV (cl.)	
mosso	III/IV (cl.)	
non troppo	III/IV (cl.)	
prestissimo	III/IV (cl.)	
ritenuto	III/IV (cl.)	
rubato	III/IV (cl.)	
sempre	III/IV (cl.)	
sforzando	III/IV (cl.)	
sostenuto	III/IV (cl.)	
subito	III/IV (cl.)	

vivace	III/IV (cl.)	
aesthetic	V/VI	
aleatoric	V/VI	
appoggiatura	V/VI	
atonal	V/VI	
augmentation	V/VI	X
cadenza	V/VI	
diatonic	V/VI	
diminution	V/VI	
escape tone	V/VI	
hemiola	V/VI	
inversion	V/VI	
minimalism	V/VI	
mode(s)	V/VI	X
mordent	V/VI	
motet	V/VI	
motif	V/VI	X
nonharmonic tone	V/VI	
pentatonic	V/VI	
polychord	V/VI	
polyrhythm	V/VI	
refrain	V/VI	X
strain	V/VI	X

suspension	V/VI	X
tessitura	V/VI	
tone cluster(s)	V/VI	
tone poem	V/VI	
twelve-tone	V/VI	
whole tone	V/VI	
assai	V/VI (sr.)	
ben	V/VI (sr.)	
calando	V/VI (sr.)	
con	V/VI (sr.)	
con amore	V/VI (sr.)	
con fuoco	V/VI (sr.)	
forzando	V/VI (sr.)	
giocososo	V/VI (sr.)	
larghissimo	V/VI (sr.)	
leggiero	V/VI (sr.)	
marcia	V/VI (sr.)	
morendo	V/VI (sr.)	
moto	V/VI (sr.)	
opus	V/VI (sr.)	
ottava	V/VI (sr.)	
pesante	V/VI (sr.)	
piu	V/VI (sr.)	
primo	V/VI (sr.)	X

religioso	V/VI (sr.)	
scherzando	V/VI (sr.)	
scherzo	V/VI (sr.)	
senza/senze	V/VI (sr.)	
smorzando	V/VI (sr.)	
sordino	V/VI (sr.)	
stringendo	V/VI (sr.)	
tempo di valse	V/VI (sr.)	
valse	V/VI (sr.)	
veloce	V/VI (sr.)	
vivo	V/VI (sr.)	
rotary	B	X
springs	CFS	X
acoustic		X
amplifier		
antiphonal		
art song		
asymmetry		X
ballet		
banjo		
basso continuo		
bel canto		
binary form		
boogie woogie		

calypso		
cambiata		
cantata		
canticle		
cello		
chanson		
chantey		
con calore		
con intensita		
con moto		
concertato		
concerto grosso		
conservatory		X
contemporary		X
contralto		
contrapuntal		
counterpoint		
decay		X
deceptive cadence		
delicato		
detache		
diction		
diminished		X

diphthong		
dolcissimo		
doloroso		
dominant		X
double flat		
double fugue		
double sharp		
doublestop		
down		X
drama		X
drone		
dulcimer		
duplet		
eighth note		
eighth rest		
electronic		
encore		
end button		
end pin		
enunciate		X
espressivo		
falsetto		
festivo		
f-holes		

fiddle		
fine tuners		
fixed do		
free bow		
French bow		
gavotte		
German bow		
glissando		
glockenspiel		
glottis		
Gregorian chant		
harmonic minor		
harmonica		
head voice (register)		
homogeneous		
hooked bowing		
hushed		
ictus		
interlude		
jam		X
jingle		X
jive		
kazoo		
lament		

larynx		
leading tone		
libretto		
lied		X
lift		X
linear		
liturgical		
loco		
lyrics		
ma (but)		
madrigal		
mass		X
mediant		
medieval		
melisma		
melodic direction		
melodic minor		
melodic motif		
meno mosso		
metrical monophonic		
mezzo vocce		
minuet		
minuetto		
single		

mixed voices		
modern		
motive		X
movable do		
natural minor		
octavo		
octet		
open strings		
opera		
operetta		
oratorio		
orchestra		
orchestral		
orchestration		
ordinary		X
organum		
ornamentation		
ostinato		
palate		
pantomime		
parallel motion		
passing tone		
passion		X

patron		
pedal tone		
peg box		
perceive		
perfect		X
perfect cadence		
philharmonic		
picardy third		
piu mosso		
pizzicato		
plagal cadence		
plain song		
poco piu mosso		
polish		X
polytonality		
ponticello		
portamento		
prelude		X
processional		X
proper		X
quasi		
rag time		
rap		X
rapide		

recessional		
recitative		
recorder		X
renaissance		
requiem		
resoluto portato		
resonance		X
responsorial singing		
retrograde		
ripiando		
risoluto		
ritmico		
rock stop		
romantic		X
root		X
root position		
rosin		
rote		
semitone		
semplice		
septet		
sequence		X
serebande		
serenade		

seventh chord		
sextet		
shoulder rest		
sixth chord		
solfege (do, re, etc.)/solmization		
soprano		
sotto voce		
sound post		
spiccato		
spiritual		X
standard		X
string bass		
string family		
strophic		
subdominant		
submediant		
subtonic		
sul (any string)		
supertonic		
sweet		X
sweet		X
tenor		
ternary form		

text painting		
through-composed		
tonality		X
tranquillo		
transpose		
tremelo		
triple meter		
triphthong		
troppo		
turn		X
twentieth century		
un peu		
up		X
up bow		
upper half		
verse		X
vibration		
vigor		X
viola		
violin		
virtuoso		
voice		X
waltz		
whole bow		

yodel		
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# Theater Vocabulary List



Vocabulary Words	Grade Level	Other Words	High Value Words
accent	M		
act (n)	M		
ad-lib	M		
amphitheater	M		
analysis	M		analysis
animation	M	animator	
antagonist	M	antagonize	
anticlimax	H		
apron	H		
arena stage	H		
artistic discipline	M	art, arts, fine arts	
aside	M		
audition	M		
backdrop	M		
backstage	M		
balcony	M	design, architecture	
baton	H		
beat	M		
bevel cut	H		
black box	H	design, architecture	

blackout	H		
blood pack	H		
boomerang	H		boomerang
brace	M		
bravo	M		
Bunraku	H		
burlesque	M		
callbacks	M		
center stage	M		
choreography	M		
climax	M		
clowning	M		
comedy	M		
comic relief	M		
commedia del arte	H		
conclusion	M	finale, resolution	conclusion
conflict	M		
copyright	M	ASCAP	
costume plot	M		
crew	M		
cue	M		cue
curtain	M		
curtain call	M		
cyclorama	M		

designer	M		
development	M		
diaphragm	M	breath support	
double cast	M		
downstage	M		
downstage center	M		
downstage left	M		
downstage right	M		
encore	M		
ensemble	M		
exposition	M		exposition
flat	M		
flexible staging	H		
fly	H		
flyspace	H		
focus	M		focus
foundation	M		foundation
fourth wall	M		
freeze (v.)	M		
front elevation	M		
gel	H		gel
genre	M	style	
gesture	M	gesticulate	

gobo	H		
grand drape	H		
green room	M		
grip	M		
ground plan	M		
ground row	M		
groundlings	M		
house	M	auditorium, theater, venue	
house manager	M		
humanities	M		
illusion	M		illusion
improvisation	M		improvisation
incongruity	M		incongruity
inflection	M		inflection
innanmorati -a	H		
intermission	M		
irony	M		
Kabuki	M		
lamp	M	illuminate, illumination	
lead	M		
legs	H		
lens	H		
lobby	M		lobby
mask	M		

masking	M		
melodrama	M		
mezzanine	M		
microphone	M	mic,amplify	
mime	M		
miracle play	M		
mitar cut	H		
motivation	M	intrensic, extrinsic	
movement	M		
musical theater	M		
narrator	M	monologue, soliloquy	narrator
nemesis	M		nemesis
neo-classical	M		
off book	M		
opera	M	opretta, musical	
operator	M		
oral interpretation	M		
orchestra	M		
overture	M		overture
pantomime	M		
parody	M		parody
pit	M		
playwright	M		
point of view	M	perspective	

poise	M		
posture	M		
procenium	H	arch	
produce	M		
producer	M		
projection	M		
prompt	M		
prompt book	M		
protagonist	M		
radio drama	M		
rake	M		rake
reader's theater	H		
rhythm	M	tempo	
royalties	M		royalties
run through	M		
satire	M		satire
scale	M		scale
scenery	M		
screenplay	M		
scrim	H		
soliloquy	M	monologue	
spike	M		
spot light	M		

stage direction	M		
stage jack	M		
stage left	M		
stage manager	M		
stage right	M		
stereotype	M		stereotype
story board	M		
storytelling	M	yarn, tale	
strike	M		
swag	M		
swing	M		
teasers	H		
technical rehearsal	H		
thespian	M		
thrust stage	H		
timing	M		
tormentors	M		
tower	M		
tragedy	M		
transition	M		transition
trust	M		
type cast	M	stereotype	
understudy	M	protégé	
upstage (n)	M		

upstage (v)	M		upstage (v)
upstage center	M		
upstage left	M		
upstage right	M		
voice quality	M	timbre	
wings	H		wings