

Music

What creative choices are kids making when they play? How can you describe the variety?

Notice choices the kids make with...

Name those choices with Describing Words

Volume

Loud, Forte
Soft, Piano
Medium loud, mezzo forte
Medium soft, mezzo piano
Suddenly loud, subito forte

As loud as possible, fortissimo
As soft as possible, pianissimo
Getting louder, crescendo
Getting softer, decrescendo
Suddenly soft, subito piano

Pitch

High
Big jumps
Ascending

Low
Small jumps
Descending

Timbre

Smooth
Rough
Clear
Foggy
Shrill
Gentle
Agitated

Full
Thin
Round
Sharp
Scratchy
Slidey
Wiggly
Calm

Articulation

Short, staccato
Sustained, tenuto
Gliding, glissando

Notes connected, legato
Notes with pauses between
Forceful, marcato

Rhythmic Feel

Tempo: fast, moderate, slow
Freely, rubato
Swing rhythm
Straight rhythm

Pulse: steady/changing/without
Driving forward
Laying back
Flowing
Halting