

Musical Texture

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PART 1: Matching Definitions

Directions: Match each term to a definition.

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| 1. Monophony: _____ | A. Multiple voices with separate melodic lines and rhythms |
| 2. Heterophony: _____ | B. A single, unaccompanied melodic line |
| 3. Homophony: _____ | C. All voices moving together rhythmically |
| 4. Homorhythm: _____ | D. Multiple voices harmonically moving together at the same pace |
| 5. Melody and Accompaniment: _____ | E. Multiple simultaneous variations of a single melodic line |
| 6. Polyphony: _____ | F. Texture where the melodic and supporting voices are clearly distinguishable from each other, usually with different rhythms |

PART 2: Score Examples

Directions: Listen, view, and match each score example to a texture provided. Each term will be used twice. Spotify playlist can be found in the “Assignments” section of the “Texture” chapter in *Open Music Theory*.

Word Bank: Monophony, Heterophony, Homophony, Polyphony

- A. The first 4 measures of Robert Schumann’s “Widmung” (1840). (OMT - WK Texture #1; 0:00–0:12)

Robert Schumann, Op. 25.
(Original-Ausgabe.)

Innig, lebhaft.

Singstimme.
1.

Pianoforte.

The image shows the first four measures of Robert Schumann's 'Widmung' (Op. 25, No. 1). The score is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. It features a vocal line (Singstimme) and a piano accompaniment (Pianoforte). The tempo and mood are 'Innig, lebhaft.' The piano part consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are: 'Du mei-ne See - le, du 'mein Herz, du mei-ne Wonn', o du mein'. The score includes dynamic markings like 'mf' and 'fz.' and articulation marks like asterisks.

Du mei-ne See - le, du 'mein
Herz, du mei-ne Wonn', o du mein

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- D. Measures 116-122 of “Overture” to *The Marriage of Figaro* (1786), written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. (OMT - WK #4; 1:38–1:45)

The image displays a musical score for three instruments: Flute, Violin, and Bassoon. The score is written in 4/4 time and the key of D major (two sharps). The Flute part is in the treble clef, the Violin part is in the treble clef, and the Bassoon part is in the bass clef. The music consists of eight measures. The Flute part features a melodic line with slurs and accents. The Violin part features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes in the fourth measure. The Bassoon part features a melodic line with slurs and accents. The instruments play in unison, creating a homophonic texture.

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- E. The first 12 measures of “3 Pieces for Solo Clarinet; Movement I” (1919), written by Igor Stravinsky. (OMT – WK #5; 0:00–0:32)

Sempre p e molto tranquillo. MM ♩:52

- F. Measures 17-23 of “Fugue in G minor” (1722) written by Johann Sebastian Bach. (OMT - WK #6; 0:51–1:06)

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G. Measures 1-9 of “Horkstow Grange” from Percy Grainger’s *Lincolnshire Posy* (c. 1937).
(OMT - WK #7; 0:00–0:45)

Slowly flowing, ♩ = about 76

HORNS

Sop. & Alto I Saxs,
Barit. & 4 Hns.

Cl. II,
Alto Sax. II

Alt. Cl. Bsn. I,
Ten. Sax.

Bass Cl. Bsn. II,
Bar. Sax.

LOW REEDS, LOW SAXS

Euph.

Strg. Bass

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H. The first two lines of “Ave Generosa” (c. 1150) written by Hildegard von Bingen. (OMT - WK # 8; 0:00–0:34)

A - ve, ge - ne - ro - sa, glo - ri - o - sa et in - tac - ta pu - el - la.

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Tu pu - pil - la cas - ti - ta - tis,

PART 3: Audio Examples

Directions: Listen to each example and label the type of texture. Each term will be used twice:

Word Bank: Monophony, Heterophony, Homophony, Polyphony

1. _____ (OMT - WK #9; 0:00–0:35)
2. _____ (OMT - WK #10; 1:28–1:53)
3. _____ (OMT - WK #11; 0:00–0:25)
4. _____ (OMT - WK #12; 0:07–0:35)
5. _____ (OMT - WK #13; 0:45–1:26)
6. _____ (OMT - WK #14; 0:00–0:35)
7. _____ (OMT - WK #15; 0:00–0:15)
8. _____ (OMT - WK #16; 0:00–0:45)