

# Tone Colour Wordbank

These are the words that can often make you sound like you're not much of a musician. This is mostly because **you're trying to use a non-musical term to describe what you hear in the music.**

Your choice of words in these situations is important and **it helps to have a big library of words to draw from.**

When you hear a new tone colour word that you think might work well as a descriptive word for a piece of music, check that it's ok with your teacher and then write it down. Describe why or when you would use it and if you can, give an example.

Tone Colour Word	What types of instruments might it describe? How might they be played?	Example
Nasal	Vocals – various physical features, as well as the vocal cords themselves can affect the tone colour of the voice. The oboe is commonly referred to as 'nasal', as are the bagpipes.	Standing On The Shore – Empire Of The Sun