



UNIT 4 INTRODUCING
COMPOSITION:
FILM MUSIC

HORROR MUSIC

This week we are going to look at how a range of techniques and musical elements that can be used to create horror music. Watch the following video, which will give you an insight into how horror music has developed over the decades, and some of the techniques that have been used to make it effective to the listener.



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/HfqcLECDgQ4>

YOUR GO

Use the following link to create your own piece of horror music using some sampled sounds.

1. How does changing the dynamics of each sound change the atmosphere?
2. How does adding more sounds change the texture?
3. What effect is created when there's silence added in?



<http://horrorli.fps.hu/>



ARTICULATION

Articulation is all about how the note should be played. There are many ways you can play a note, which has a different effect on how the music will sound. Listen to these examples and see if this is something that you can include within your composition.



https://www.youtube.com/embed/sFBz_VDpTVY

ATMOSPHERE RECAP

We have discussed that whilst some music in film is used to introduce a theme or to convey a specific character, quite often the music will also be used to create atmosphere and to reflect the current mood or situation within the film. There are a number of different ways that this can be achieved, such as use of instruments, the techniques they use, tonality, harmony, texture, tempo and dynamics.



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/Fh5Q93frfQU>

Fill in the Blanks

pianissimo.

homophonic.

diminuendos

strings

accents,

dissonant.

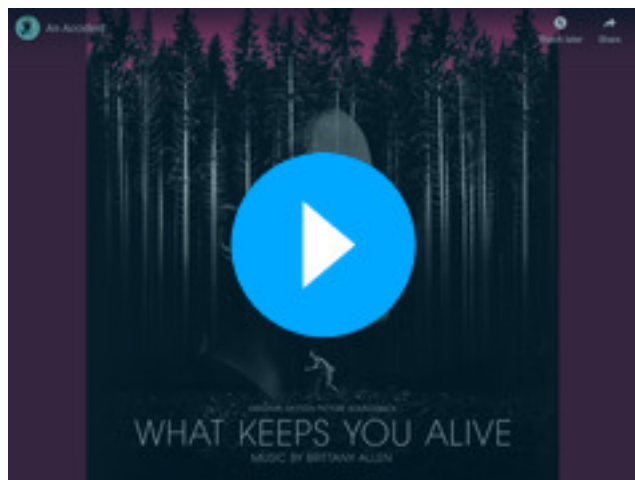
glissando,

The dynamics at the beginning of 'The Chase Pt. 2' are _____ We hear the _____ playing a _____ using a cluster chord. The music sounds very _____. The texture of the music could be described as _____. Both the percussion and the piano have used _____ to make the music stand out and grab the listeners' attention. There's also use of crescendos and _____ to create tension within the music.

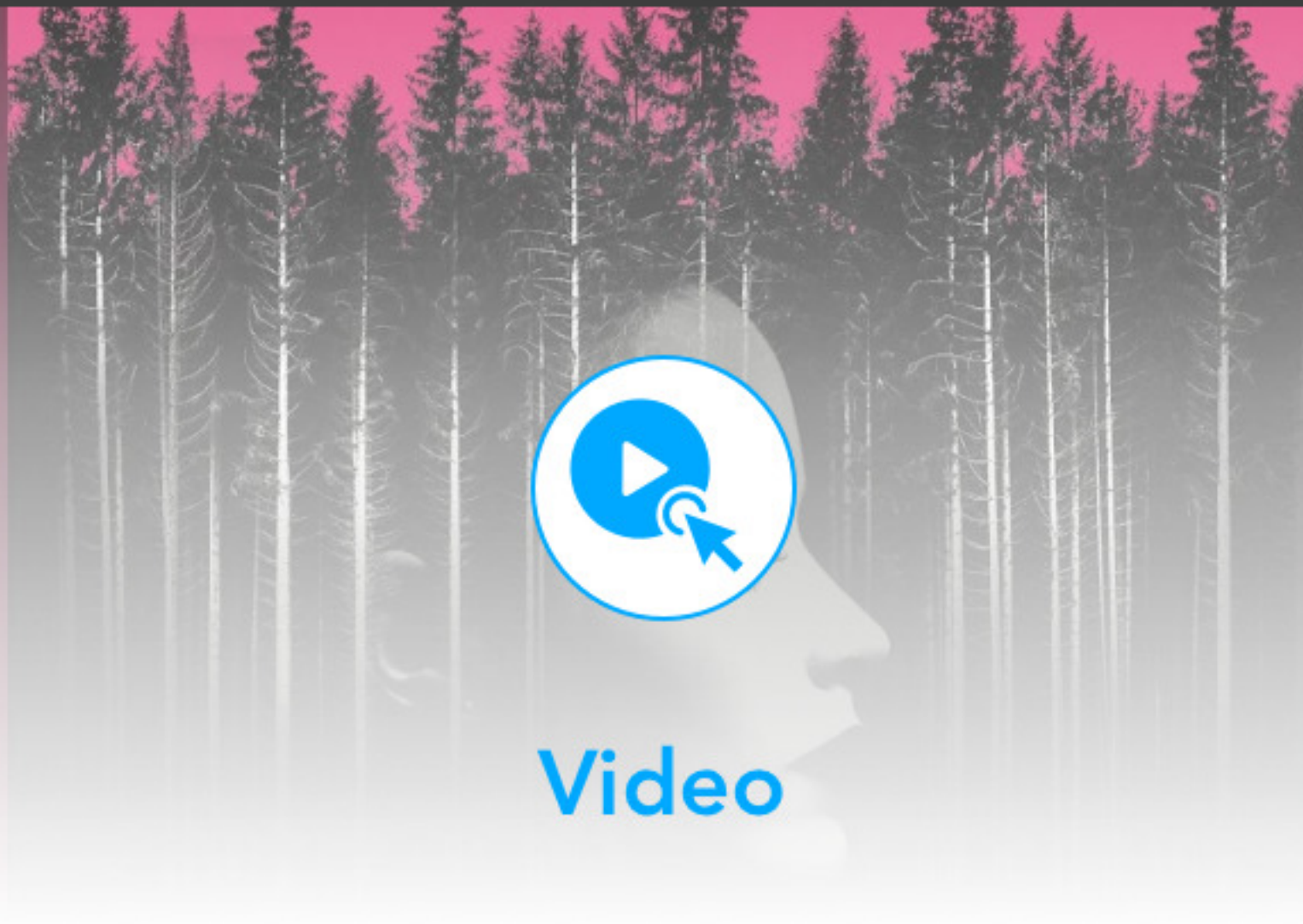


<https://www.youtube.com/embed/J-XaExdIKJs>

Open Ended Question



Explain how the music creates tension and suspense in the story. You should use musical vocabulary in your answer. You should refer to the instruments used, the dynamics, the texture of the music, articulation and the tempo.



An Accident