



# Building Blocks of Music

## Texture

### Q&A Discussion Guide

#### QUESTIONS

1. What are two common words used to describe texture in music?
2. Finish this sentence: Texture tells us...
3. Can you explain the comparison between a layered cake and musical texture?
4. Can you remember the musical words used in the video to describe different textures?
5. Which texture means one melody by itself, even if multiple instruments or voices perform that same melody together?
6. What is polyphonic texture?
7. Where might you hear music with a very thick texture?
8. One main melody with supporting sounds describes which kind of texture?

#### ANSWERS & TEACHER GUIDE

1. Thin and thick.
2. How many sounds or musical layers we hear at the same time.
3. Musical parts can be compared to layers of a cake. One layer can create a thin texture, while adding more musical layers can create a thicker texture.
4. Monophonic, homophonic, polyphonic, and heterophonic.
5. Monophonic.
6. Two or more independent melodies happening at the same time.
7. Orchestral or choral music are possible examples. Answers may vary.
8. Homophonic.

#### TEACHER NOTE

Audio examples of the different musical textures are available on the Audio & Listening page in The Music Pod.

