

JAZZ – WORD LIST

- **accompany** = to play a musical instrument while someone else sings a song
- **ballad** = a slow love song
- **bandleader** = someone who is the boss of a band
- **banjo** = an instrument like a guitar that is played in country music
- **birthplace** = a place where something first started
- **brass instruments** = instruments like trumpets, horns etc...
- **century** = a hundred years
- **chord** = notes that are played at the same time and sound nice
- **composer** = someone who writes music
- **cornet** = a small trumpet
- **decade** = ten years
- **double bass** = a large instrument that looks like a violin that musicians play standing up
- **drop out** = to leave
- **drums** = a musical instrument that you hit with your hand or a stick
- **emerge** = to come up
- **emotion** = feeling
- **entertainment** = you perform music or a play that people listen to or watch
- **evolve** = to grow slowly
- **feature** = characteristic, quality
- **folk music** = music that has been played by normal people for a long time
- **hardly** = not very often
- **improvise** = if you don't prepare anything, you just invent musical sounds
- **influence** = to have an effect on
- **inspire** = here: to get ideas or motivation from
- **made up** = consist of
- **meaning** = sense, value
- **Midwest** = the middle part of the United States
- **mixture** = when two or more different things come together
- **musician** = a person who plays music
- **note** = a musical sound
- **perform** = to do something to entertain people; to act a play or play music
- **pieces** = songs
- **popular** = if a lot of people like something
- **producer** = someone who controls the recording
- **ragtime** = a type of music that was popular in America in the early part of the 20th century
- **record** = a round flat piece of plastic with a hole in the middle. Many years ago, they were used to save music but today people have music on CDs or stream it
- **recording** = if you save music on a CD or tape
- **reed** = a thin piece of wood on an instrument. You blow into it and it makes a sound.
- **relaxed** = calm, stress-free
- **rhythm** = beat
- **slave** = someone who is owned by another person and works for them for no money
- **smooth** = soft and nice to listen to
- **spiritual** = a religious song sung by African Americans
- **steamboat** = a boat that uses steam for power and sails along rivers
- **stress** = to make important
- **successful** = to be very good at something
- **syllable** = a small part of a word
- **teenage** = age between thirteen and nineteen
- **trombone** = a metal instrument that you play by blowing into it and you pull a part of it in and out to change the notes
- **tuba** = a large instrument that looks like a curved tube; it produces very low sounds when you blow into it
- **tune** = same as "melody"
- **unload** = to take something off a ship, truck or train
- **well-known** = a lot of people know about something
- **works** = pieces of music