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har·mo·ny  (här mə-nē)

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n. pl. **har·mo·nies**

1.

a. An orderly or pleasing combination of elements in a whole: *color harmony; the order and harmony of the universe.*

b. A relationship in which various components exist together without destroying one another: *different kinds of fish living in harmony.*

c. A relationship characterized by a lack of conflict or by agreement, as of opinion or interest: *family harmony.*

2. *Music*

a. The study of the structure, progression, and relation of chords.

b. Simultaneous combination of notes in a chord.

c. The structure of a work or passage as considered from the point of view of its chordal characteristics and relationships.

d. A combination of sounds considered pleasing to the ear.

e. A musical line that harmonically complements the melody: *You sing the lead part, and I'll sing the harmony.*

3. A collation of parallel passages, especially from the Gospels, with a commentary demonstrating their consonance and explaining their discrepancies.

[Middle English *armonie*, from Old French, from Latin *harmonia*, from Greek *harmonia*, articulation, agreement, harmony, from *harmos*, joint; see **ar-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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