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n.

Music composed for a specific use or function.

[German : *Gebrauch*, use (from *gebrauchen*, to use, from Middle High German *gebrūchen*, from Old High German *gabrūhhan* : *ga-*, *gi-*, intensive prefix; see [kom in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *brūhhan*, to use) + *-s-*, linking consonant + *Musik*, music (from Middle High German, from Old High German, from Latin *mūsica*; see [MUSIC](#)).]

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