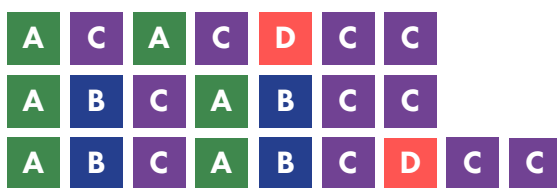


Song Structure For Vocal Songs And Tracks

Parts Of A Vocal Song (Pop, Hip-Hop)

A Verse	Tells the story of the song
B Pre-Chorus	Builds the tension for the chorus
C Chorus	Main hook of the song, repeats more than once
D Bridge	Something different from the rest of the song

Example Structures:



Parts Of A Dance Track (House, Techno etc)

A Intro	Stripped down opening section (for mixing)
B Verse	Establishes theme
C Verse 2	Builds on verse 1, with more energy
D Breakdown	Removes the drums and energy, then builds up to...
E Drop/Chorus	The main part of the track
F Outro	Stripped down finishing section (for mixing)

Example Structure:



Notes:

- In the vocal song arrangement, note how the final chorus is doing the job of the outro in the dance track arrangement. Some vocal songs do have intros too, but nowadays, not many, and they tend to be shorter on vocal songs than on dance tracks.
- Vocal dance tracks combine both of the above, so your job is to figure out where the vocals sit on the dance track arrangement.
- Most songs/tracks won't follow exactly what you see above - but they all follow a structure - it's the structure you need to learn to identify.
- It doesn't matter what you call the separate song parts - the important thing is that you learn to identify them, to assist your knowing when in songs it's OK to mix.