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Grade 1 Music Terms

Tempo

a tempo	in time
accelerando (accel.)	gradually getting quicker
adagio	slow
allegretto	fairly quick (but not as quick as allegro)
allegro	fast, lively
andante	at a walking speed
moderato	moderately
rallentando (rall.)	gradually getting slower
ritardando (ritard., rit.)	gradually getting slower

Dynamics

crescendo (cresc.)	gradually getting louder
decrescendo (decresc.)	gradually getting softer
diminuendo (dim.)	gradually getting softer
forte (<i>f</i>)	loud
fortissimo (<i>ff</i>)	very loud
mezzo forte (<i>mf</i>)	moderately loud
mezzo piano (<i>mp</i>)	moderately soft
piano (<i>p</i>)	soft
pianissimo (<i>pp</i>)	very soft

Style / Others

cantabile	in a singing style
da capo (D.C.)	repeat from the beginning
dolce	sweet
fine	the end
legato	smoothly
staccato (stacc.)	detached

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Grade 2 Music Terms

Tempo








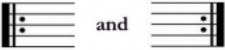








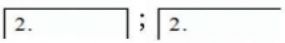
allargando	Broadening
largo	slow, stately
lento	Slow
grave	very slow, solemn
piu mosso	more movement, quicker
meno mosso	less movement, slower
con motto	with movement
ritenuto (riten., rit.)	getting slower; held back
presto	very fast
vivace, vivo	fast, lively

Dynamics / Style and mood / Others

fortepiano (<i>fp</i>)	loud, then soft
alla marcia	in the style of a march
con, col	with
dal segno	repeat from the sign
e, ed	and
espressivo (espress., espr.)	expressive
grazioso	gracefully
ma	but
meno	less
molto	very, much
non troppo	not too much
piu	more
poco, poco a poco	Little; little by little
senza	without

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Musical Signs (grade 1 – 2)

	staccato, detached
	accent the note
	pause on the note
	gradually getting louder
	gradually getting softer
	tie: hold for the value of both notes
	slur: play the notes smoothly
	repeat marks
	100 crotchet beats in a minute
	play an octave higher
	semi-staccato: play slightly detached
	accent the note strongly
	staccatissimo: super staccato
	give the note a slight pressure
	rest for the number of bars indicated
	first-time bar (in a repeated section, play this bar the first time through)
	second-time bar (in a repeated section, play this bar the second time through)

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Grade 3 Music Terms

Style and mood

agitato	agitated
animato	animated, lively (animando : becoming more lively)
con forza	with force
energico	energetic
giocoso	playful, merry
leggiere	light, nimble
maestoso	majestic
marcato (marc.)	emphatic, accented
pesante	heavy
risoluto	Bold, strong
scherzando, scherzoso	playful, joking
semplice	simple, plain
tranquillo	calm
triste, tristamente	sad, sorrowful

Tempo & Others

andantino	slightly faster or slower than andante
ben	well
prima, primo	first
prestissimo	very fast
Sempre	always
simile	in the same way
sforzando, sforzato (sf, sfz)	forced, accented
sostenuto (sost.)	sustained
subito	suddenly

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Grade 4 Music Terms

Italian Terms

affettuoso	tenderly
alla breve	with a minim beat
amabile	pleasant (similar to word 'amiable')
appassionato	with passion
assai	very (allegro assai – very quick)
comodo / tempo comodo	convenient / at a comfortable speed
come prima	as before
con brio	with vigour, lively
deciso	with determination
largetto	rather slow
mesto	sad
misterioso	mysterious
ritmico	rhythmically
rubato / tempo rubato	with some freedom of time
stringendo	gradually getting faster

French Terms

French Term	Meaning	Similar Italian Term
animé	animated, lively	animato
douce	sweet	dolce
lent	slow	lento
modéré	at a moderate speed	moderato
retenu	held back	ritenuto
vite	quick	allegro

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Grade 5 Music Terms

Italian Terms

a niente	To nothing
ad libitum (ad lib.)	At choice
attacca	Go straight on
cantando	Singing
con dolore	With grief
con spirito	With spirit
doloroso	Sorrowful
largamente	Broadly
morendo	Dying away
perdendosi	Dying away
quasi	As if, resembling
rinforzando (rinf., rf, rfz)	Reinforcing
smorzando (smorz.)	Dying away
sonoro	Resonant, with rich tone
sotto voce	In an undertone

German Terms

German Term	Meaning	Similar Italian/French Term
langsam	slow	adagio / lento / lent (fr)
lebhaft	lively	vivace
mässig	at a moderate speed	moderato / modere (fr)
ruhig	peaceful	tranquillo
schnell	fast	allegro / presto / vite (fr)
traurig	sad	mesto