



TERMS AND SIGNS

# Music Theory G1

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## Terms : Dynamics

fortissimo (***ff***)

very Loud (*-issimo means 'very'*)

forte (***f***)

loud

mezzo forte (***mf***)

moderately loud

pianissimo (***pp***)

very quite

piano (***p***)

quiet

mezzo piano (***mp***)

moderately quiet

crescendo (cresc.)

gradually getting louder

decrescendo (decresc.)

gradually getting quieter

diminuendo (dim)

gradually getting quieter

## Terms : Tempo

allegro

quick

allegretto

fairly quick

moderato

at a moderate speed

andante

at a medium speed

adagio

slow

accelerando (accel.)

gradually getting quicker

rallentando (rall.)

gradually getting slower

ritardando(ritard. or rit.)

gradually getting slower

a tempo

in time (resume the original speed)

## More Terms

cantabile

in a singing style

da capo (D.C)

repeat from the beginning

dolce

sweet

fine

the end (*al fine* = 'up to the end')

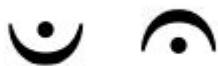
legato

smoothly

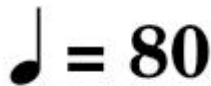
staccato (stacc.)

detached

## Signs



Fermata - pause on the note or rest



Metronome mark: Play at a tempo of 80 crotchet beats per minute



Accent the note - play with emphasis



Repeat the section between the two marks



Gradually getting louder (crescendo)



Gradually getting quieter (diminuendo)



slur - perform smoothly



tie - hold for the value of the two notes.



staccato; detached



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