Grade 1 Italian Terms | Definition
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accelerando / accel | gradually getting quicker
adagio | slowly
allegretto | moderately fast
allegro | fast, quickly, and bright
andante | at a walking pace
cantabile | in a singing style
crescendo / cresc. | gradually getting louder
da capo / D.C | repeat from the beginning
dal segno / D.S | repeat from the sign
decrescendo / decresc. | gradually getting quieter
diminuendo / dim. | gradually getting quieter
fine | the end
forte | loud
fortissimo | very loud
legato | smoothly
lento | slow
mezzo | half
mezzo forte | moderately loud
mezzo piano | moderately quiet
moderato | moderately
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- `8va` - Play the notes contained inside the bracket an octave higher than written
- `8vb` - Play the notes contained inside the bracket an octave lower than written

- Accent the note - written above or below the note head

- Pause on the note or rest

- Metronome mark - 70 crochet beats in a minute

- A slur - Play the notes within the line smoothly (legato). Very similar looking to a tie but a slur is between notes that are different pitches and can span more than two notes.

- Play the note staccato (detached) - written above or below the note head

- Repeat marks - When you reach the second sign go back to the first sign, or if there is not first sign go back to the beginning