

# Grade 2 Theory of Music

## TERMS AND SIGNS

### DYNAMICS

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
fortepiano	fp	loud, then immediately quiet

### TEMPO

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
presto	N/A	fast (quicker than allegro)
vivace, vivo	N/A	lively, quick
lento	N/A	slow (slower than adagio)
largo	N/A	slow, stately (the same as, or slower than, lento)
grave	N/A	very slow, solemn
più mosso	N/A	more movement, quicker
meno mosso	N/A	less movement, slower
ritenuto	riten. or rit.	held back
con moto	N/A	with movement
allargando	N/A	broadening
dal segno	D.S	repeat from the sign

### EXPRESSION

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
espressivo	espress.	expressive
grazioso	N/A	graceful
alla marcia	N/A	in the style of a march

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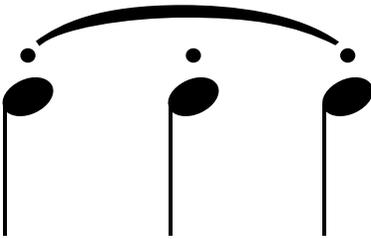
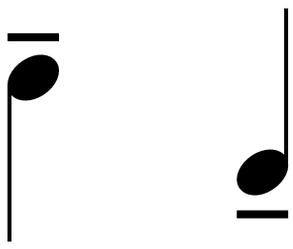
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### GENERAL

<b>Italian Term</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>English Meaning</b>
molto	N/A	very, much
non troppo	N/A	not too much
poco	N/A	a little
poco a poco	N/A	little by little
col, con	N/A	with
e, ed	N/A	and
ma	N/A	but
meno	N/A	less
più	N/A	more
senza	D.S	without

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**SIGNS**

<b>Italian sign</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
	strong accent (play the note with strong emphasis)
	slightly separated
	staccatissimo (very detached indeed)
	give the note slight pressure
	perform an octave higher
	rest for number of bars indicated

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### SIGNS

Italian sign	Meaning
	first time bar
	second time bar