

Grade 3 Theory of Music

TERMS AND SIGNS

DYNAMICS

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
sforzando, sforzato	sf, sfz	forced, accented

TEMPO

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
andantino	N/A	slightly faster than andante (but may also mean slightly slower)
prestissimo	N/A	Very fast

EXPRESSION

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
agitato	N/A	agitated
animato	N/A	animated, lively
con forza	N/A	with force
energico	N/A	energetic
giocoso	N/A	playful, merry
leggiero	N/A	light
maestoso	N/A	majestic
marcato	marc.	emphatic, accented
pesante	N/A	heavy
risoluto	N/A	bold, strong
scherzando	N/A	playful, joking
semplice	N/A	simple, plain

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Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
sostenuto	sost.	sustained
tranquillo	N/A	calm
triste, tristamente	N/A	sad, sorrowful

GENERAL

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
ben	N/A	well
prima, primo	N/A	first
sempre	N/A	always
simile	N/A	in the same way
subito	sub.	suddenly