

# Grade 4 Theory of Music

## TERMS AND SIGNS

### TEMPO

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
comodo/ tempo comodo	N/A	convenient/ at a comfortable speed
con brio	N/A	with vigour, lively
larghetto	N/A	rather slow
rubato/ tempo rubato	N/A	with some freedom of time
stringendo	N/A	gradually getting faster

### EXPRESSION

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
affettuoso	N/A	tenderly
amabile	N/A	pleasant (like the word 'amiable')
appassionato	N/A	with passion
deciso	N/A	with determination
mesto	N/A	sad
misterioso	N/A	mysterious
ritmico	N/A	rhythmically

### GENERAL

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
alla breve	N/A	with a minim beat
assai	N/A	very
allegro assai	N/A	very quick
come prima	N/A	as before

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### FRENCH TERMS

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

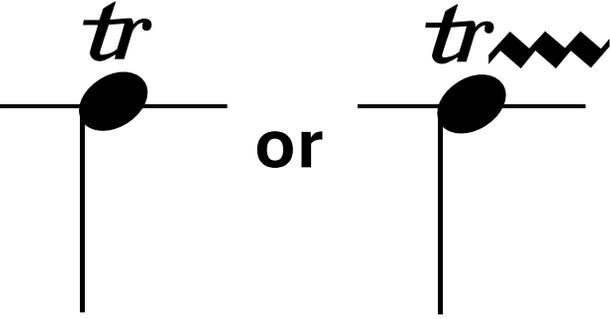
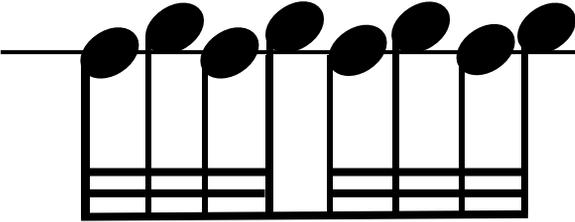
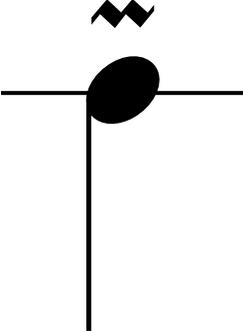
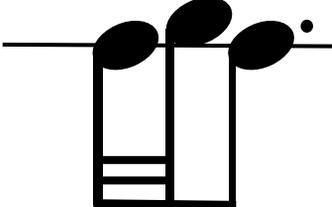
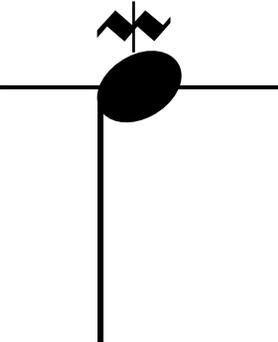
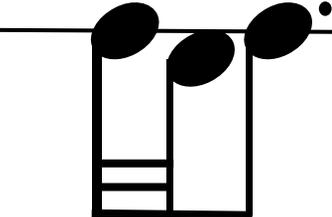
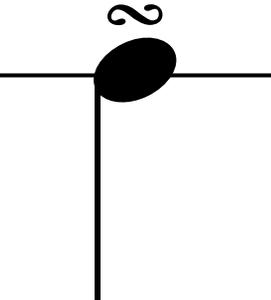
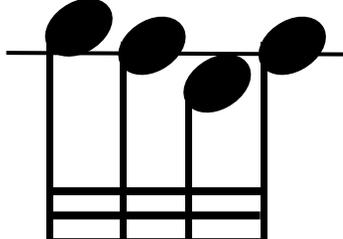
### INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUE

Italian Term	Abbreviation	English Meaning
pizzicato	pizz.	pluck with the fingers
arco	N/A	play with the bow (only used if the player has previously been instructed to pluck)
	N/A	bowing direction for down-bow
	N/A	bowing direction for up-bow
	N/A	play all the notes in one bow stroke
sul G	N/A	play on the G string (the lowest pitch of the four strings on a violin)
sul D	N/A	play on the D string (the next string up from the G string on a violin)

Italian Term	French Term	English Meaning
con sordini (con sord.)	avec sourdines	with mutes
senza sordini (senza sord.)	sans sourdines	without mutes

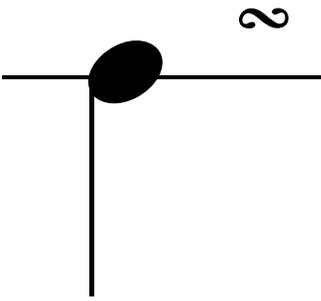
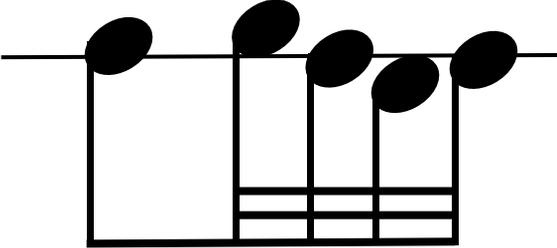
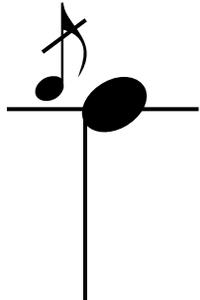
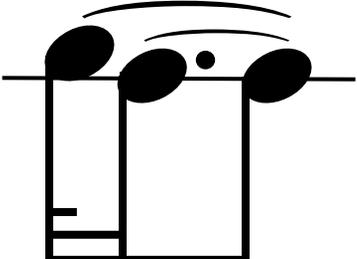
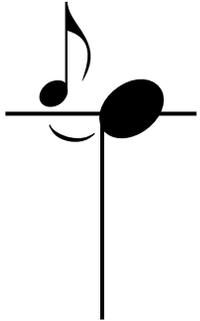
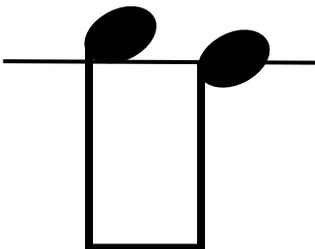
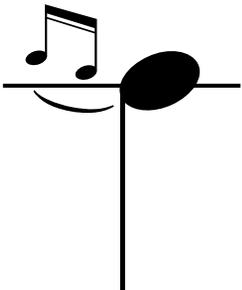
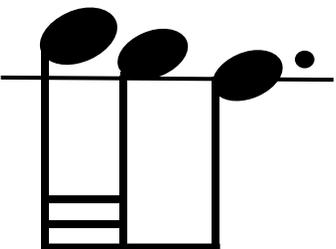
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Sign	Sounds Like
 <p>The sign for a trill is the letters "tr" placed above a note. An alternative sign is "tr" above a note with a zigzag line above it.</p>	<p><u>Trill</u></p>  <p>A diagram showing a single note on a staff with a vertical line extending downwards and a zigzag line above it. To the right, a staff shows a sequence of notes, with a vertical line and zigzag line above the first note, indicating a trill.</p>
 <p>The sign for an upper mordent is a zigzag line placed above a note.</p>	<p><u>Upper Mordent</u></p>  <p>A diagram showing a single note on a staff with a vertical line extending downwards and a zigzag line above it. To the right, a staff shows a sequence of notes, with a vertical line and zigzag line above the first note, indicating an upper mordent.</p>
 <p>The sign for a lower mordent is a zigzag line placed below a note.</p>	<p><u>Lower Mordent</u></p>  <p>A diagram showing a single note on a staff with a vertical line extending downwards and a zigzag line below it. To the right, a staff shows a sequence of notes, with a vertical line and zigzag line below the first note, indicating a lower mordent.</p>
 <p>The sign for a turn is a squiggle placed above a note.</p>	<p><u>Turn (or upper turn)</u></p>  <p>A diagram showing a single note on a staff with a vertical line extending downwards and a squiggle above it. To the right, a staff shows a sequence of notes, with a vertical line and squiggle above the first note, indicating a turn.</p>

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Sign	Sounds Like
	<p><u>Turn (or upper turn)</u></p> 
	<p><u>Acciaccatura (or grace note)</u></p> 
	<p><u>Appoggiatura</u></p> 
	<p><u>Another type of grace note</u></p> 

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### REPEAT SIGNS

Sign	Means
	