

Junior All-State Terms

a tempo	in time; generally implies a return to original rate of speed
accelerando	(accel.) gradually faster
al fine	to the finish
allegretto	light and moderately quick, but not as fast as allegro
allegro	rapid; lively
andante	(andte) moderately slow, but moving
andantino	generally a little quicker than andante
animato	spirited
cantabile	in a singing style
chromatic	by semi-tones
coda	the final added measures of a musical composition usually marked with
con brio	with spirit; brilliantly
con spirito	with spirit, brilliance
crescendo	(cres.) () gradually louder
da capo	(D.C.) from the beginning
dal segno	(D.S.) from the sign
decrescendo	(deces.) () gradually softer
diminuendo	(dim.) () gradually softer
dolce	sweetly
etude	a study
fermata	a hold or pause
forte	(<i>f</i>) loud
fortissimo	(<i>ff</i>) very loud
grazioso	gracefully
largo	very slow
legato	smooth and connected
maestoso	majestically
marcato	marked; with emphasis
marziale	martial
mezzo	medium; half (such as mezzo-forte - medium loud; mezzo piano - medium soft)
moderato	moderately
molto	very
pianissimo	(<i>pp</i>) very softly
piano	(<i>p</i>) softly
poco a poco	little by little
presto	very fast
rallentando	(rall.) gradually slower
ritardando	(rit.) gradually slower
segno	the sign
solì	more than one performer in unison
solo	a composition or passage for one performer
staccato	separated, detached style
tacet	silent
tempo	time; speed
tenuto	(ten.) sustain full value; also marked