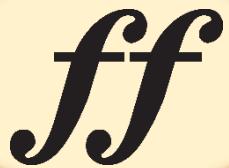


**To create:** Cut along the straight lines. Fold and stick along the dashed lines.

Music  
Theory  
Bites

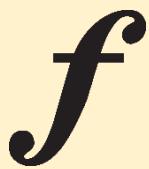


Dynamics

The sign used for the  
Italian term: **Fortissimo**

**Meaning:** very loud

Music  
Theory  
Bites



Dynamics

The sign used for the  
Italian term: **Forte**

**Meaning:** loud

Music  
Theory  
Bites



Dynamics

The sign used for the  
Italian term: **Mezzo forte**

**Meaning:** moderately loud

Music  
Theory  
Bites



Dynamics

The sign used for the  
Italian term: **Pianissimo**

**Meaning:** very quiet

**mp**

Dynamics

The sign used for the  
Italian term: **Mezzo piano**

**Meaning:** moderately quiet

**p**

Dynamics

The sign used for the  
Italian term: **Piano**

**Meaning:** quiet

**Diminuendo**  
(dim.)

Dynamics

an *Italian term used to describe dynamic in music.*

**meaning:**

**Gradually getting louder**

**Decrescendo**  
(decresc.)

Dynamics

an *Italian term used to describe dynamic in music.*

**meaning:**

**Gradually getting louder**

**Crescendo**  
(cresc.)

Dynamics

an *Italian term used to describe dynamic in music.*

**meaning:**

**gradually getting quieter**

**Allegro**

Tempo

an Italian term used to describe **tempo** in music.

meaning:

**Quick**

**Allegretto**

Tempo

an Italian term used to describe **tempo** in music.

meaning:

**Fairly Quick**

**Moderato**

Tempo

an Italian term used to describe **tempo** in music.

meaning:

at a moderate speed

**Andante**

Tempo

an Italian term used to describe **tempo** in music.

meaning:

at a medium speed

## Adagio

Tempo

an Italian term used to describe **tempo** in music.

meaning:

slow

## Accelerando (accel.)

Tempo

an Italian term used to describe **tempo** in music.

meaning:

gradually getting  
quicker

## Rallentando (rall.)

Tempo

an Italian term used to describe **tempo** in music.

meaning:

gradually getting  
slower

## Ritardando (ritard. or rit.)

Tempo

an Italian term used to describe **tempo** in music.

meaning:

gradually getting  
slower

## a tempo

Tempo

an Italian term used to describe **tempo** in music.

meaning:

in time (resume the  
original speed)

## Cantabile

*Italian Term*

**meaning:**

In a singing style

## da capo (D.C)

*Italian Term*

**meaning:**

repeat from the  
beginning

## dolce

*Italian Term*

**meaning:**

sweet

## fine

*Italian Term*

**meaning:**

the end

(*al fine* = ‘up to the end’)

## legato

*Italian Term*

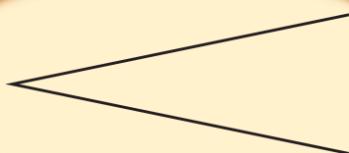
**meaning:**

smoothly

## Staccato (stacc.)

*Italian Term*

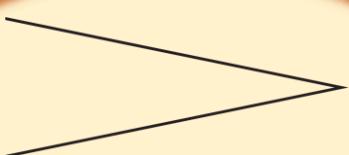
**meaning:**  
detached



*Sign*

**meaning:**  
gradually getting louder

*(the sign for crescendo)*



*Sign*

**meaning:**  
gradually getting  
quieter

*(the sign for decrescendo or  
diminuendo)*



*Sign*

**meaning:**

accent the note (play  
with emphasis)



*Sign*

**meaning:**

tie; hold for the value of  
both the notes



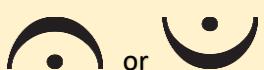
Sign

**meaning:**  
**slur; perform smoothly**



Sign

**meaning:**  
**staccato; detached**



or

Sign

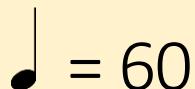
**meaning:**  
**pause on the note or  
rest**



Sign

**meaning:**  
**repeat the section  
between the two signs.**

(if the first sign is missing, repeat from the  
beginning.)



Sign

**meaning:**  
**metronome mark; 60  
crotchet beats in a  
minute**

 = 88

Sign

**meaning:**  
**metronome mark; 88 crotchet beats in a minute**

 = 120

Sign

**meaning:**  
**metronome mark; 120 crotchet beats in a minute**

 = 50

Sign

**meaning:**  
**metronome mark; 50 crotchet beats in a minute**