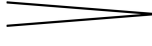



# Useful Italian Terms

## Dynamics

Pianississimo	<i>ppp</i>	Extremely Soft	Diminuendo		Gradually getting softer
Pianissimo	<i>pp</i>	Very Soft	Forte-piano	<i>fp</i>	Music that goes from loud to suddenly soft and stays soft
Piano	<i>p</i>	Soft			
Mezzo piano	<i>mp</i>	Half-Soft	Crescendo		Gradually getting louder
Mezzo forte	<i>mf</i>	Half-Loud	Piano-forte	<i>pf</i>	Music that goes from soft to suddenly loud and stays loud
Forte	<i>f</i>	Loud			
Fortissimo	<i>ff</i>	Very Loud	Sforzando	<i>sfz</i>	Forced - abruptly loud usually over a chord or several chords
Fortississimo	<i>fff</i>	Extremely Loud			

## Tempo

Larghissimo	(≤20)	Extremely Slow		
Grave	(20-40)	Seriously / Solemnly		
Largo	(40-50)	Very Slow & Dignified		
Larghetto	(50-55)	Not as slow as Largo		
Adagio / Lento	(55-65)	At Ease / Slow		
Adagietto	(65-69)	Not as slow as Adagio		
Andante-Moderato	(69-73)	Slower than Andante	Ritenuato	Suddenly getting slower
Andante	(73-78)	Walking Pace	Rallentando	Gradually getting slower
Andantino	(78-83)	Faster than Andante	Accelerando	Gradually getting faster
Moderato	(83-98)	Moderately	Accelerato	Suddenly getting faster
			Rubato	speeding up and slowing down for expression
Allegretto	(98-110)	Not as fast as Allegro		
Allegro	(110-132)	Fast & Animated		
Vivace	(132-140)	Lively		
Vivacissimo	(140-150)	Faster than Vivace		
Allegroissimo	(150-168)	Very Fast		
Presto	(168-178)	Rapid		
Prestissimo	(178+)	Extremely Rapid		