

Grade One

accelerando	gradually getting quicker
adagio	slow
allegretto	fairly quick
allegro	quick
andante	at a medium pace
cantabile	in a singing style
crescendo (<i>cresc.</i>)	gradually getting louder
da capo (<i>D.C.</i>)	repeat from the beginning
dal segno (<i>D.S.</i>)	repeat from the sign 
decrescendo	gradually getting quieter
diminuendo (<i>dim.</i>)	gradually getting quieter
fine	the end
forte (<i>f</i>)	loud
fortissimo (<i>ff</i>)	very loud
legato	smoothly
lento	slow
mezzo	half
mezzo forte (<i>mf</i>)	moderately loud
mezzo piano (<i>mp</i>)	moderately soft
moderato	moderately (fast)
piano (<i>p</i>)	soft
pianissimo (<i>pp</i>)	very soft
poco	a little
rallentando (<i>rall.</i>)	gradually getting slower
ritardando (<i>ritard.</i>)	gradually getting slower
ritenuto (<i>rit.</i>)	held back
staccato (<i>stacc.</i>)	detached
tempo	speed, time
a tempo	in time
	gradually getting louder
	gradually getting quieter
	extend the duration of a note or rest - fermata
	play the note(s) detached (staccato)