

# Semester 1 Music Vocab

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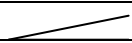
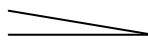
Instructions: This is the vocab portion of your Semester 1 study guide. You are responsible for learning all music terms listed on this handout - this includes the term, abbreviation, symbol, and definition. For your assignment review the material and then locate an example of each term in your Christmas music.

## Tempo Markings (music terms that give you instructions on how fast or slow to sing)

Music Terms	Abbreviation	Definition	Example in Music (Song & measure #)
Tempo	-----	A music term that gives you instructions on how fast or slow to sing	-----
Largo	-----	A tempo marking indicating to sing very slow	-----
Lento		A tempo marking indicating to sing slow	-----
Adagio	-----	A tempo marking indicating to sing slow	-----
Andante	-----	A tempo marking indicating to sing at a walking tempo	-----
Moderato	-----	A tempo marking indicating to sing at a moderate tempo - not too slow, not too fast	-----
Allegro	-----	A tempo marking indicating to sing quickly and cheerfully	-----
Vivace	-----	A tempo marking indicating to sing lively and fast	-----
Ritardando	rit. or ritard.	A tempo marking indicating that you should <b>gradually</b> sing slower	
Poco Ritardando	Poco rit	A tempo marking indicating that you should <b>gradually</b> slow down just a little bit	
Rallantando	Rall	A tempo marking indicating that you should <b>gradually</b> slow down	
Rallantando al fine	Rall al fine	A tempo marking indicating that you should continue to <b>gradually</b> slow down until you get to the end of the song.	
Accelerando	accel.	A tempo marking indicating that you should <b>gradually</b> sing faster	-----
A tempo	-----	A phrase that tells you to sing at the previous tempo or speed.	
♩ = 100	-----	A tempo marking indicating that you should sing at a tempo (speed) of singing 100 quarter notes (♩) per minute	
♫ = 69	-----	A tempo marking indicating that you should sing at a tempo (speed) of singing 69 half notes (♫) per minute	
♩ = 145	-----	A tempo marking indicating that you should sing at a tempo (speed) of singing 145 quarter notes	

		(♩) per minute	
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### Dynamics (music terms that give you instructions on how loud or soft to sing)

Music Terms	Abbreviation	Symbol	Definition	Example in Music (Song & measure #)
Dynamics	-----	-----	A music term that gives instructions on how loud or soft to sing	-----
Pianissimo	pp	-----	To sing very soft	-----
Piano	p	-----	To sing soft	
Mezzo Piano	mp	-----	To sing medium soft	
Mezzo Forte	mf	-----	To sing medium loud	
Forte	f	-----	To sing loud	
Fortissimo	ff	-----	To sing very loud	
Crescendo	cresc		To <u>gradually</u> sing louder	
Poco crescendo	Poco cresc	-----	To <u>gradually</u> get a little bit louder	
Decrescendo / Diminuendo	decresc dim		To <u>gradually</u> sing softer	

### Time Signatures

Where do you find a time signature?

- Time signatures are found at the beginning of a piece of music. They are located on the very first measure of the song. Time signatures appear as 2 numbers stacked on top of each other

#### Example



What information does a time signature give you?

- The top number of a time signature tells you how many beats are in a measure
- The bottom number of a time signature tells you what kind of note (quarter, eighth, half, etc) is equal to 1 beat or count.
  - When you see a 4 on the bottom this refers to a quarter note (♩) the quarter note will equal 1 beat
  - When you see an 8 on the bottom this refers to an eighth note (♫) the eighth note will equal 1 beat
  - When you see a 2 on the bottom this refers to a half note (♪) the half note will equal 1 beat

Time Signature	Beats per Measure	Type of note that = 1 beat	Example in Music (Song & measure #)
4/4 time	4	quarter note (♩)	-----
C time (same as 4/4)	4	quarter note (♩)	
3/4 time	3	quarter note (♩)	-----
2/4 time	2	quarter note (♩)	
6/8 time	6	eighth note (♫)	-----
3/8 time	3	eighth note (♫)	-----
2/2 time	2	half note (♪)	

	2	half note (  )	-----
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