



North Kent Music Lessons

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Musical Terms

Dynamics - (louds and softs)

<i>pp</i>	- pianissimo	- very quiet
<i>p</i>	- piano	- quiet
<i>mp</i>	- mezzo piano	- moderately quiet
<i>mf</i>	- mezzo forte	- moderately loud
<i>f</i>	- forte	- loud
<i>ff</i>	- fortissimo	- very loud

Terms relating to speed of music

Rit/rallentando	- slow down
Accelerando	- speed up
Lento	- slowly
Largo	- slowly but faster than lento
Moderato	- at a moderate speed
Adagio	- slowly but faster than largo
Andante	- at a walking pace
Andantino	- faster than andante
Allegretto	- moderately fast
Vivace	- lively
Prestissimo	- very fast
Tempo	- speed

Other musical terms

- D.C. Al fine** - go back to beginning and stop at fine
- D.C. Al coda** - go back to beginning go to coda at sign ⊕
- D.S. Al fine** - go back to sign %
- D.S. Al coda** - go back to sign % then at ⊕ go to coda
- Fine** - Finish
- Coda** - The end
- Pause/fermata** - hold note on longer than usual
- Accent** > - play note louder
- Mezzo** - half
- Staccato** - short and detached
- Legato** - smoothly
- Pesante** - heavily
- Giocoso** - merrily
- Alla Marcia** - like a march
- Dolce** - sweetly
- Tutti** - everyone play
- Solo** - just one person plays
- Tacet** - do not play
- Chord** - more than one note played at once
- Bar** - section of music
- Bar line** - vertical line showing where bar starts and ends
- Time signature** - numbers indicating how many beats in a bar
- Key signature** - sharps and flats indicating key of piece of music
- Staff** - five lines music is written on
- Clef** - symbol indicating which range of notes is to be played
- Ensemble/group** - lots of instruments playing together