

Orchestra Vocabulary Study Guide

Dynamics – Loudness or softness

Pianissimo
Piano
Mezzo piano
Mezzo forte
Fortissimo

Crescendo
Diminuendo, decrescendo

Tempo – speed

Presto
Allegro
Moderato
Andante
Largo
Adagio

Accelerando
Ritard, allargando
Piu mosso
Meno mosso
A tempo

Style

Cantabile
Dolce
Maestoso
Leggiero
Marcato

Bowings

Arco
Pizzicato
Staccato
Detache
Spiccato
Col legno
Bow lifts & retakes

Misc.

DC
DS
Al fine
Coda
Solo
Tutti
Fermata
“railroad tracks”
Accent
Sfz
Sharp
Flat
Natural
Intervals

Note and rest names and values

Sixteenth
Eighth
Quarter
Half
Whole
Dots beside notes

Note names on the staff

Lines:
Spaces:

Order of sharps in a key signature:

Order of flats in a key signature:

Symbols