

Senior All-State Terms

a poco	a little; gradually	leggiero	lightly
a tempo	in time; generally implies a return to original rate of speed	lento	very slow
accelerando	(accel.) gradually faster	maestoso	majestically
adagietto	slow, but not as slow as adagio	marcato	marked; with emphasis
adagio	very slow	marcia	march style
agitato	agitated; rapid	marziale	martial
al fine	to the finish	meno	less (such as meno-mosso-less movement: slower)
alla	in the style of (such as alla marcia-in the style of a march)	mezzo	medium; half (such as mezzo forte-medium loud; mezzo piano-medium soft)
allargando	(allarg.) gradually slower and broader	moderato	moderately
allegretto	light and moderately quick, but not as fast as allegro	molto	very
allegro	rapid; lively	morendo	dying away
andante	(andte) moderately slow but moving	mosso	motion; movement
andantino	generally a little quicker than andante	moto	motion; movement
animato	spirited	non troppo	not too much
appassionato	intensely; passionately; with deep feeling	opus	(op.) a musical work or composition
arioso	in a vocal style	ottava	(8va)-an octave (such as ottava alta-octave higher; ottava bassa-octave lower)
assai	very (such as allegro assai-very fast)	pesante	heavily; with emphasis
ben	well (such as ben marcato-well marked)	pianissimo	(<i>pp</i>) very softly
brillante	brilliantly	piano	(<i>p</i>) softly
calando	gradually slower and softer	piu	more (such as piu lento-slower; piu mosso-faster)
cantabile	in a singing style	poco	a little (such as poco animato-a little more animated; poco meno-a little less)
chromatic	by semi-tones	poco a poco	little by little
coda	the final added measures of a musical composition usually marked with	prestissimo	very fast; more so than presto
con	with	presto	very fast
con amore	with tenderness	primo	first
con amina	with animation; spirited	rallentando	(rall.) gradually slower
con brio	with spirit; brilliantly	religioso	in solemn style
con forza	with force	ritardando	(rit.) gradually slower
con fuoco	with fire, energy	ritenuto	a steady pace, but slower than preceding tempo
con grazia	with graceful style	rubato	temporary irregularity of time, lengthening certain notes at the expense of others
con spirito	with spirit, brilliance	scherzando	in light, playful style
crescendo	(cres.) () gradually louder	scherzo	playfully; usually in rapid tempo with rhythmic and dynamic contrasts
da capo	(D.C.) from the beginning	segno	the sign
dal segno	(D.S.) from the sign	sempre	always; continually
decrecendo	(deces.) () gradually softer	senza	without
diminuendo	(dim.) () gradually softer	sforzando	(<i>sfz</i>) forced; with emphasis
dolce	sweetly	simile	the same; continue in same manner
energico	energetically	smorzando	(smorz.) dying away
etude	a study	sol	more than one performer in unison
fermata	() a hold or pause	solo	a composition or passage for one performer
forte	(<i>f</i>) loud	sordino	mute (consordino-with mute; senza sordino-without mute)
fortissimo	(<i>ff</i>) very loud	sostenuto	sustained
forzando	forcefully accented	staccato	separated, detached style
furioso	furiously	stringendo	(string.) gradually faster
giocoso	joyfully	subito	suddenly
grandioso	grand or noble style	tacet	silent
grave	very slow and solemn	tempo	time; speed
grazioso	gracefully	tempo di valse	waltz time
l'istesso	the same (such as l'istesso tempo-the same speed)	tenuto	(ten.) sustain full value; also marked
larghetto	slow, but not as slow as largo	valse	waltz
larghissimo	very slow; more so than largo	veloce	very fast
largo	very slow	vivace	vivacious; lively
legato	smooth and connected	vivo	lively; brisk