

# Music Terms - Beginner

# Music Terminology Flash Cards

Study by yourself, with a partner, with  
a group, whatever! Just study!

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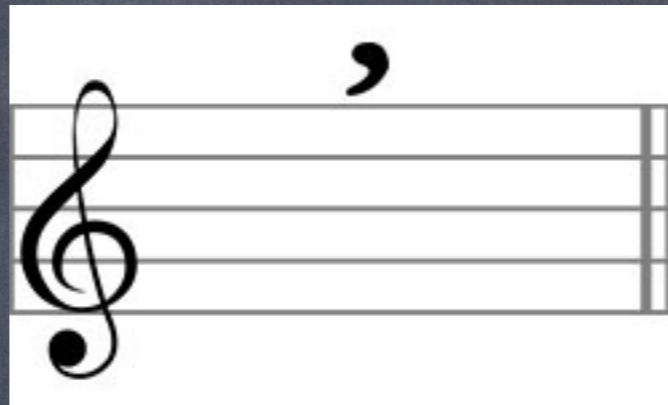
Mezzo Piano: medium soft

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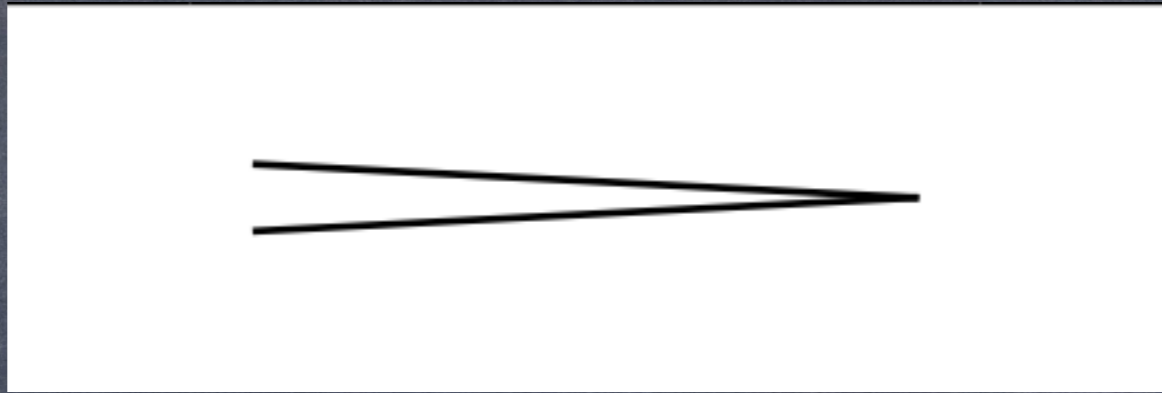
Forte: Loud

*Sfz*

sforzando - suddenly with force



Breath Mark



Decrescendo: Gradually get softer

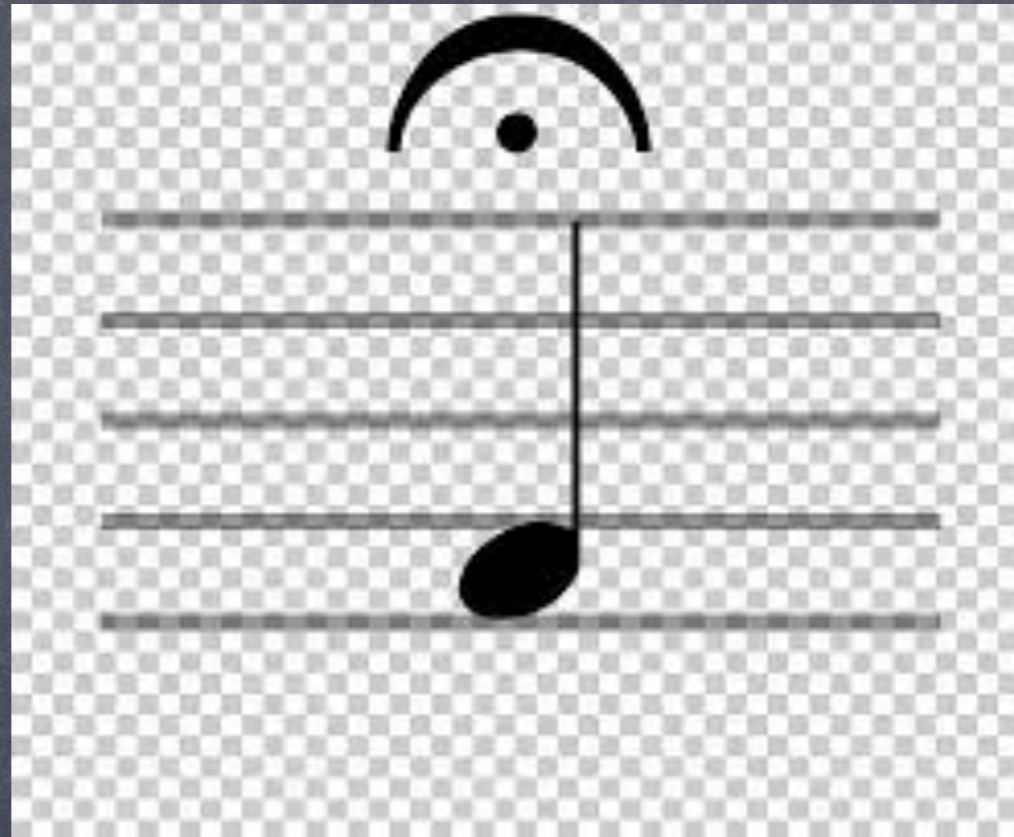
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Fortississimo: Very Loud

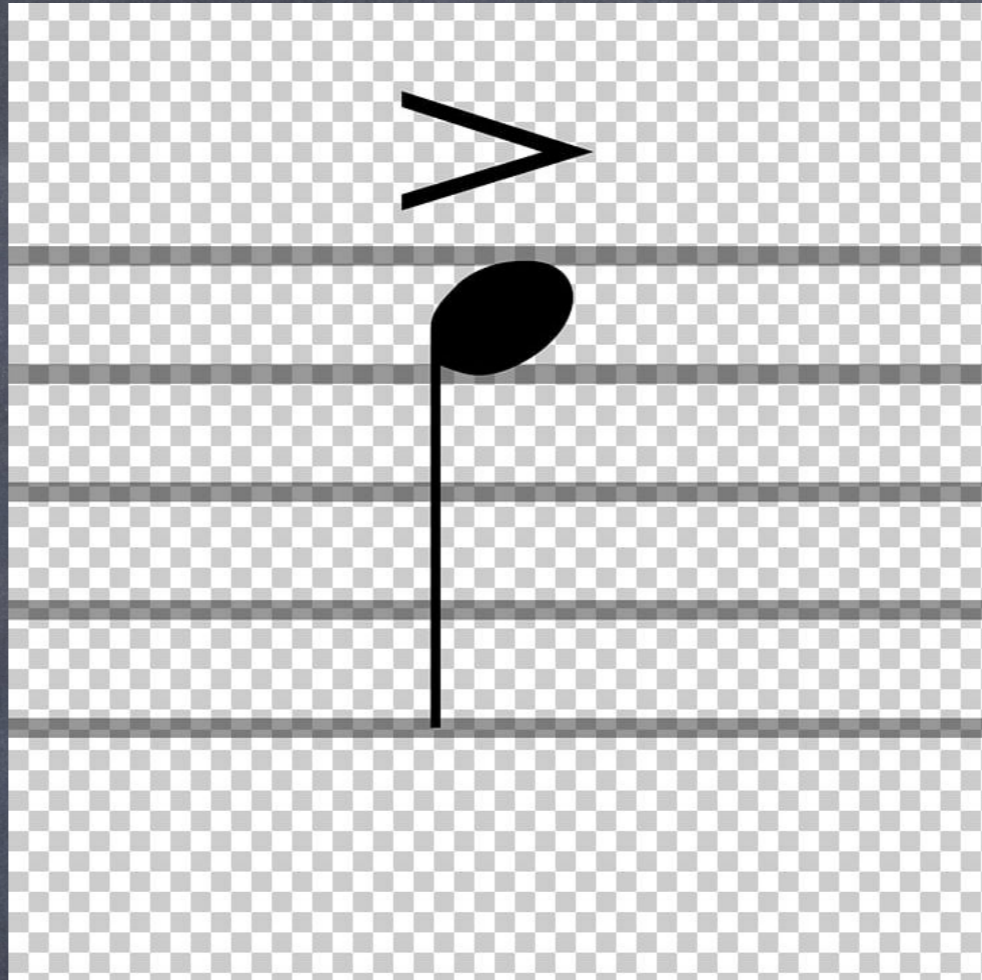




Mezzo Forte: Medium Loud



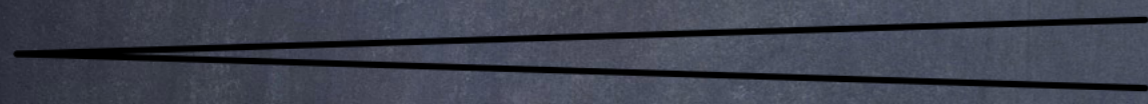
Fermata: Hold the note for longer than its written value



Accent



Tremolo: Rapid Reiteration of a single  
note



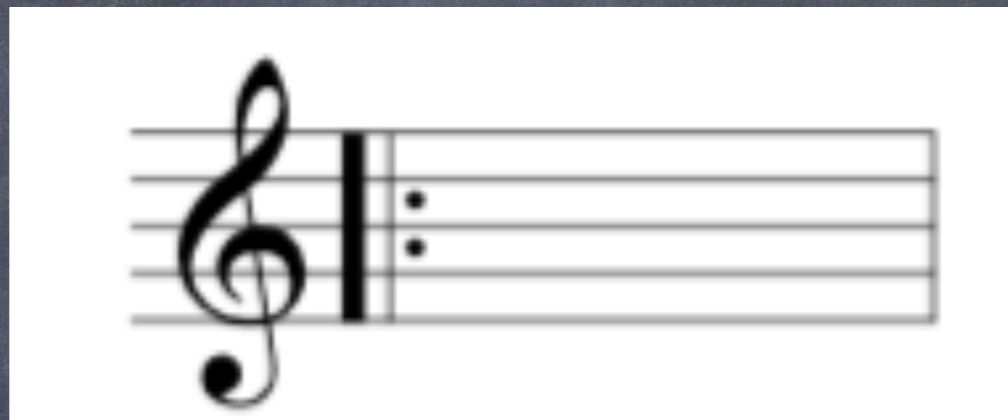
Crescendo: Gradually get louder

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Piano - soft

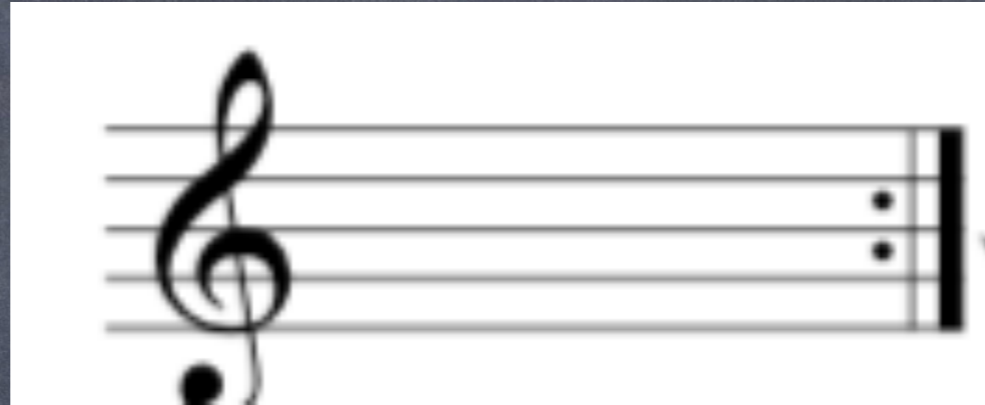
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Pianissimo: Very Quiet



Forward Repeat

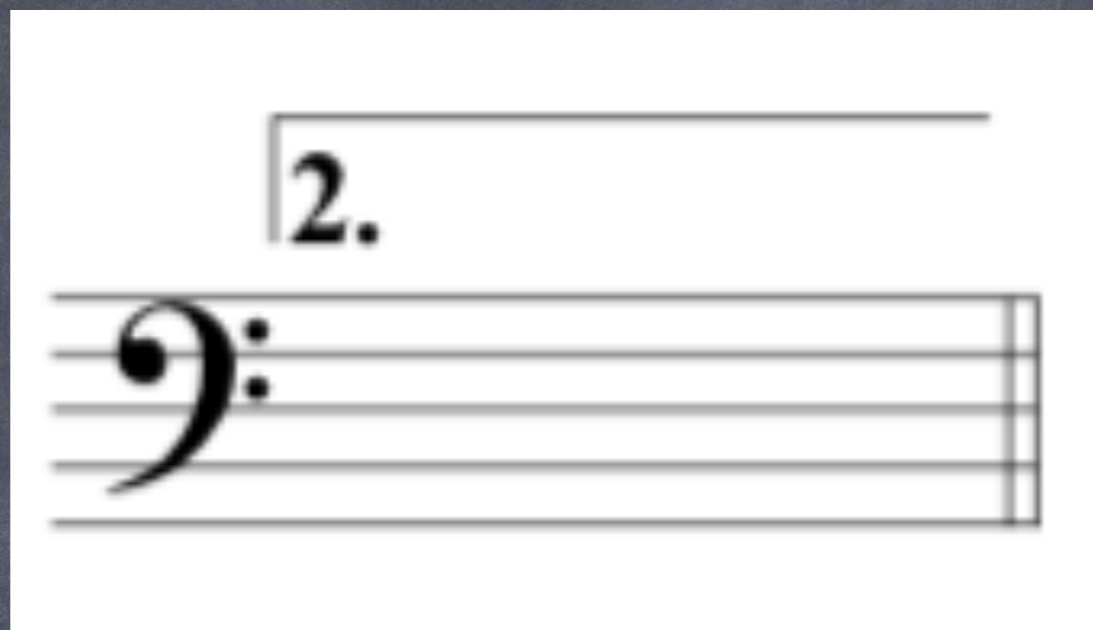




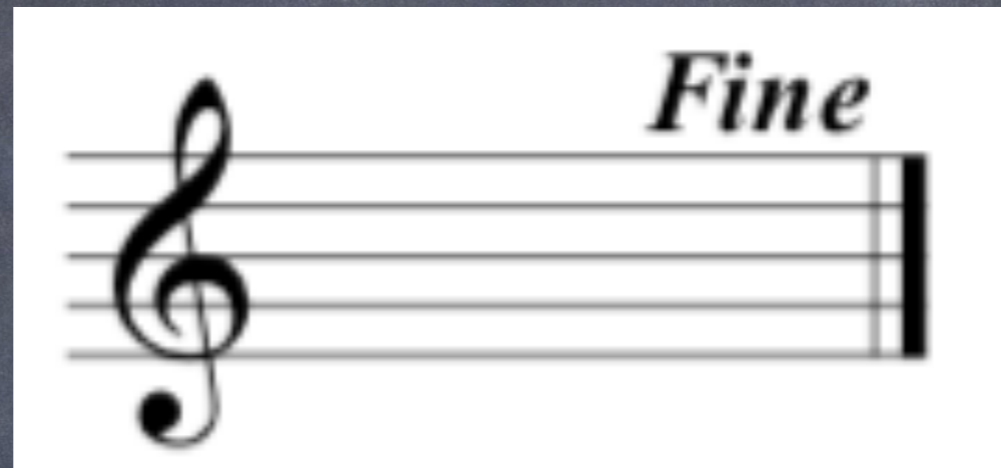
Backwards Repeat



First Ending



Second Ending



The End



Downstroke



Upstroke

**Adagio**

Slow

**Tutti**

all together



**Lento**

Slow

**Allegro**

Fast

**Andante**

Walking Pace

**Vivace**

Lively

**Moderato**

Moderate



Caesura: Pause

**Presto**

Very Fast

**Largo**

very slow



*ritardando*

gradually decrease tempo

*accelerando*

gradually speed up the tempo

*a tempo*

resume normal speed

**Morendo**

dying

## Minor Chord Formula

3 Half steps + 4 Half steps

**Dolce**

sweetly

**Cantabile**

singable

**Agitato**

agitated



**Con Moto**

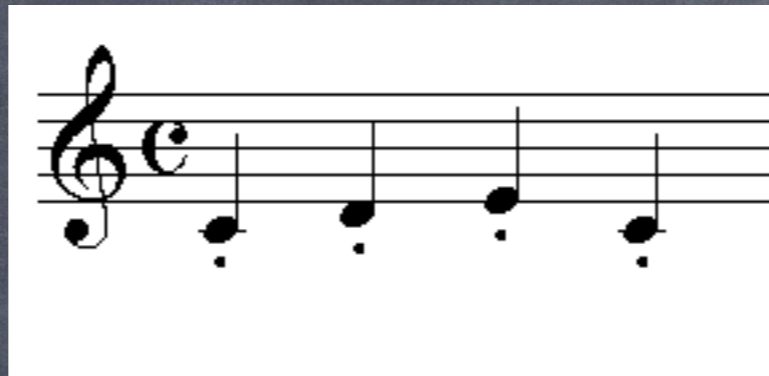
with movement



marcato: play loud and forcefully



tenuto: hold the note for its full length



staccato: detached

## Major Chord Formula

4 half steps + 3 half steps