

Listening Guide

Meter

Moves in...

Duple



Triple



Beat

Is the beat steady?

Tonality

Resting tone is...

Major

Do
1



Dorian

Re
2

Phrygian

Mi
3

Lydian

Fa
4

Mixolydian

So(Si)
5

Aeolian (Harmonic Minor)

La
6



Locrian

Ti
7

Major

Do
8

Dynamics

How loud / soft

ppp

pianississimo
very, very soft



pp

pianissimo
very soft

p

piano
soft

mp

mezzo piano
medium soft

mf

mezzo forte
medium loud

f

forte
loud

ff

fortissimo
very loud

fff

fortississimo
very, very loud



Articulation

How the notes are approached

Non-Legato

Separated but not short



Legato

Smooth and connected



Staccato

Short and separated



Accented

Strong emphasis



Tempo

How fast

Largo

Broadly



Adagio

Slowly—"At ease"



Andante

Walking speed



Moderato

Moderate speed



Allegro

Quick and lively



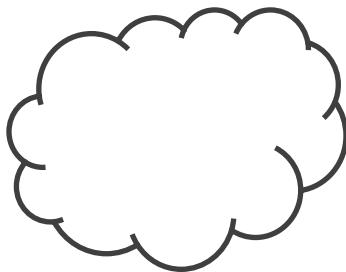
Presto

Very fast



Mood

A word to describe



Melody

In what range of the piano do you hear the melody?

Accompaniment

Did you hear a good balance of melody vs. accompaniment?