

### Dynamics

<i>pp</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>mp</i>	<i>mf</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>ff</i>
PIANISSIMO	PIANO	MEZZO PIANO	MEZZO FORTE	FORTE	FORTISSIMO
very soft (v. quiet)	soft (quiet)	moderately soft	moderately loud	loud	very loud
<b>crescendo (cresc.)</b>			<b>diminuendo (dim.)</b>		
gradually getting louder			gradually getting quieter		

### Tempo

LARGO	LENTO/ ADAGIO	ANDANTE/ MODERATO	ALLGRETTO	ALLEGRO/ VIVACE	PRESTO
v. slow	slow	walking pace/ moderate	quite fast	quick/lively	very quick

- **Accelerando:** gradually getting faster
- **Rallentando/ritardando:** gradually getting slower
- **A tempo:** return to the original speed
- **Ritenuito:** in slower time
- **Rubato:** rhythms are played in a more free/flexible way ('robbed time').

### Time values

NOTE	NAME	LENGTH (duration)	REST
	Semibreve	4 beats	
	Minim	2 beats	
	Crotchet	1 beats	
	Quaver	1/2 beats	
	Semiquaver	1/4 beats	

A dot after the note increases its length by half:

	Dotted minim		
	Dotted crotchet		

Groups of quavers/semiquavers are usually beamed together:



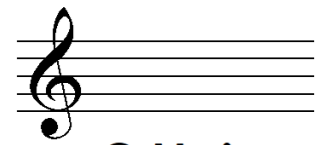
### Terms and signs

#	Sharp	Raises a note by a semitone.
b	Flat	Lowers a note by a semitone.
	Natural	Cancels a previous sharp or flat for a note.
	Staccato	Detached.
	Slur	Play smoothly.
	Tie	Hold the notes for the full value of the tied notes.
	Accent	Emphasize the note (play forcefully).
	Pause	Hold the note longer.
<i>sfz</i>	Sforzando	Sudden stress/ accent.

# Music terms and signs

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### Key signatures



C Major



G Major    D Major    A Major    E Major



F Major    Bb Major    Eb Major    Ab Major

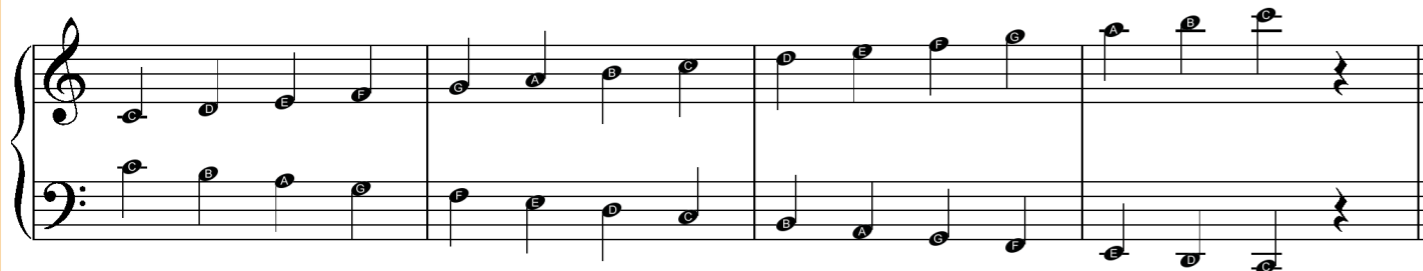
**F    C    G    D    A    E    B**

Order of sharps # →

← Order of flats b

time signature  
treble clef  
barline  
repeat sign  
stave  
bar  
bass clef  
key signature  
notes on the lines  
notes in the spaces

### Treble clef notes



### Bass clef notes

### Time signatures



Two crotchet beats per bar: simple duple



Two dotted crotchet beats per bar: compound duple



Three crotchet beats per bar: simple triple



Three dotted crotchet beats per bar: compound triple



Four crotchet beats per bar: simple quadruple



Four dotted crotchet beats per bar: compound quadruple



A triplet is when three notes are played in the time of two.