

# Musical Terms

## Basic Terms

orchestra  
band  
composer  
performer  
virtuoso  
soloist  
conductor/maestro  
baton  
music  
bowing  
pizzicato  
fiddling versus violin playing



## Dynamics

pianissimo pp  
piano p  
mezzo forte mf  
forte f  
fortissimo ff

## Other terms

melody  
harmony  
chord  
accompaniment  
ritardano  
crescendo  
decrescendo/diminuendo  
instrumentation  
cadence  
accent  
phrase  
16<sup>th</sup> notes

## Tempo

Adagio  
Andante  
Allegro  
Largo  
Lento  
Presto

## Form

canon  
fugue  
scherzo  
concerto  
spiritual  
fanfare  
march  
counterpoint  
theme