

# Chapter 23: Terms

## 23-5: Advanced Terms - Tempo, Style & Expression, Score Instruction



**Musical Terms:** The terms below are categorized by:

1. Tempo, 2. Style & Expression and 3. Score Instructions

### Tempo Markings

Term	Meaning
<i>l'istesso tempo</i>	the same tempo
<i>ritenuto</i>	suddenly slower, held back
<i>stringendo</i>	pressing, becoming faster
<i>vivo</i>	lively

### Style & Expression Markings

Term	Meaning
<i>agitato</i>	agitated
<i>allargando</i>	broadening
<i>comodo</i>	comfortable
<i>con fuoco</i>	with fire
<i>con grazia</i>	with grace
<i>dolente</i>	sad
<i>giocoso</i>	humorous
<i>grandioso</i>	grand
<i>largamente</i>	broadly
<i>martellato</i>	strongly accented
<i>mesto</i>	sad
<i>sostenuto (sost.)</i>	sustained

### Score Instruction Markings

Term	Meaning
<i>ad libitum (ad. lib.)</i>	at the liberty of the performer
<i>attaca</i>	proceed without a break
<i>con sordino</i>	with mute
<i>pizzicato</i>	plucked (string family)
<i>arco</i>	bowed (string family)
<i>primo, prima</i>	first; the upper part of a duet
<i>secondo, seconda</i>	second; second or lower part of a duet
<i>simile</i>	in the same manner as has just been indicated
<i>sotto voce</i>	soft, under the breath, (half voice)
<i>subito (sub.)</i>	suddenly
<i>tacet</i>	be silent
<i>tutti</i>	a passage for ensemble, all play
<i>volta</i>	time ( ie., prima volta = first time)
<i>voltu subito (v.s.)</i>	turn the page quickly

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## 23-6: Advanced Terms - French, German & Harmony



**Musical Terms:** Although most musical terms are written in the Italian language, some are in French or German. This page also includes harmonic terms.

The terms below are categorized by: 1. French Terms 2. German Terms 3. Harmony

### French Terms

Term	Meaning
<i>leger</i>	light
<i>lentement</i>	slowly
<i>modéré</i>	at a moderate tempo
<i>mouvement</i>	tempo, motion
<i>vite</i>	fast

### Harmony Terms

Term	Meaning
<i>triad</i>	chord consisting of a root, 3rd and 5th
<i>7th chord</i>	a chord consisting of a root, 3rd, 5th and 7th
<i>quartal chord</i>	a chord built on a series of 4ths
<i>polychord</i>	a combination of two or more different chords
<i>cluster</i>	a chord consisting of at least 3 adjacent notes of a scale

### German Terms

Term	Meaning
<i>bewegt</i>	moving
<i>langsam</i>	slowly
<i>mässig</i>	moderate
<i>mit Ausdruck</i>	with expression
<i>sehr</i>	very
<i>schnell</i>	fast