

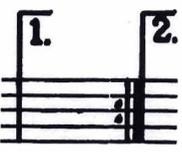
MUSIC TERMS/ SYMBOLS

Strategy:

You will need to know a few more music words and symbols during your first year of playing or singing. These new words and symbols should be memorized so you will know what to do when you see them in your music. Music symbols are short-cuts to tell the singer or musician to do something special.

1. Look carefully at the following new music symbols.
2. Read their definition two times.
3. Try to find examples of these symbols in your music.
4. Use this page as a dictionary if you don't remember what these new symbols mean.

MUSIC TERMS/SYMBOLS CHART

	SLUR, play notes without tonguing or changing bow direction		CRESCENDO, gradually get louder
	TIE, play one long note the length of the two notes added together		DECRESCENDO, gradually get softer
RIT.	RITARD, gradually slow down	#	SHARP, play or sing the note 1/2 step higher
	COMMON TIME, the same time signature as 		NATURAL, cancels out a sharp or flat
	CUT TIME, the same time signature as 		FLAT, play or sing the note 1/2 step lower
	FORTE, play or sing loudly		STACCATO, play or sing the note short and separated
	PIANO, play or sing softly		LEGATO, play or sing the note long and smoothly
ALLEGRO	tempo or speed of music, play or sing fast		LEDGER LINES, lines which extend the staff for very high or very very low notes
ANDANTE	tempo or speed of music, play or sing slow walking speed		1ST & 2ND ENDING, play the ending marked "1", take the repeat, skip "1" and play ending marked "2"