

Tempo Chart

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Class I - Terms for Slower Tempos

- I. **Largo** - with slow and stately motion (♩=40-60)
 - a. **Larghissimo** - very, very Slowly (♩=20-40)
 - b. **Largamente** - very slowly (♩=40-60)
 - c. **Larghetto** - slowly (♩=55-65)
- II. **Grave** - heavy, dragging (♩=20-40)
- III. **Lento** - Slowly (♩=40-60)
- IV. **Adagio** - Slow, tranquil (♩=60-70)
 - a. **Adagietto** (♩=65-75)

Class II - Terms for Faster Tempos

- I. **Andante** - moving, walking pace (♩=75-95)
 - a. **Andantino** (♩=80-100)
 - b. **Allegretto** (♩=100-110)
 - b. **Moderato** (♩=100-120)
- II. **Allegro** - Quickly (♩=120-160)
- III. **Vivace** - Lively (♩=160-170)
- IV. **Presto** - Rapidly (♩=170-200)

Class III - Terms for Changing Tempos

- I. **Slowing Down**
 - a. **Rallentando** - gradually slowing the tempo down
 - b. **Ritardando** - gradually slowing the tempo down (not as much)
- II. **Speeding Up**
 - a. **Stringendo** - gradually increasing the tempo slowly
 - b. **Accelerando** - gradually increasing the tempo quickly
- III. **Slight Adjustments**
 - a. **Poco a poco** - little by little
 - b. **Meno Mosso**- less motion

Time _____

Name _____

Lesson 18. Tempo Markings Worksheet 1

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| 1. _____ Largo | A. Gradually increasing the tempo quickly |
| 2. _____ Grave | B. Gradually increasing the tempo slowly |
| 3. _____ Lento | D. Gradually slowing the tempo |
| 4. _____ Adagio | E. Rapidly |
| 5. _____ Andante | F. Lively |
| 6. _____ Allegro | G. Less |
| 7. _____ Vivace | H. Moving at a walking tempo |
| 8. _____ Presto | I. With slow and stately motion |
| 9. _____ Ritardando | J. Little |
| 10. _____ Rallentando | K. Slow and tranquil |
| 11. _____ Stringendo | L. Slowly |
| 12. _____ Accelerando | M. Gradually slowing the tempo (not as much) |
| 13. _____ poco | N. Heavy, dragging |
| 14. _____ meno | O. Quickly |

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Lesson 18. Tempo Markings Scramble Worksheet 2

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| 1. _____ tlnéo | A. Rallentando |
| 2. _____ tnenada | B. Presto |
| 3. _____ grláo | D. Ritardando |
| 4. _____ setorp | E. Accelerando |
| 5. _____ vaerg | F. Poco |
| 6. _____ gdoresntni | G. Stringendo |
| 7. _____ nome | H. Grave |
| 8. _____ dogaiá | I. Meno |
| 9. _____ ocpo | J. Lento |
| 10. _____ rcocaaáelen | K. Andante |
| 11. _____ lroeałg | L. Allegro |
| 12. _____ edanolalrnt | M. Adagio |
| 13. _____ natodidrar | N. Vivace |
| 14. _____ evaıvc | O. Largo |