

RCM terms list - advanced rudiments

General Italian

_____ and _____ mean less

If _____ means *broadly*, _____ is less broadly

If _____ means *walking pace*, _____ is faster than walking pace

If _____ is *cheerful and brisk (fast)*, _____ is less brisk (not as fast)

_____ is similar in meaning to the French term *vite*, and the German term *schnell*, which mean *fast*

_____ means *more*, the opposite of _____ and _____

If _____ means *very fast*, _____ is *extremely fast*

If _____ means *softly*, _____ is *very soft*

If _____ means *loudly*, _____ is *very loud*

_____ means *first* (e.g. first part of a duet), and _____ means *second*

If _____ means *time (occurrence)*, then _____ means *first time* and _____ means *second time*

If _____ is the *speed* of a piece of music, then _____ means *first (original) speed*, which can also be written as _____

_____ has the same meaning as the French term *mouvement*, which means *movement*

_____ means *and*

If _____ means *slowly* and _____ means *majestically*, then _____ is *slowly and majestically*

_____ has the same meaning as the French term *lentement*, and the German term *langsam*

_____ means *well*

If _____ means *marked*, _____ is *well marked*

_____ means *medium*

_____ is *medium soft*

_____ is *medium loud*

A _____ is a *medium high women's voice*

_____ means *above*, the opposite of _____, which means *below*

If _____ means *voice*, then _____ means *lowered (quieter) voice*

_____ mean *with* (or *at*)
If _____ means *octave*, _____ is *at the octave*
_____ can also be written as *8va*, and means *play an octave above or below the written note*
_____ can also be written as *15ma*, and means *play two octaves above or below the written note*

After an _____ indication, _____ means *return to the normal register*

_____ means *with*, similar to _____
If _____ means *expression*, _____ is *with expression*
_____ has the same meaning as the German term *mit Ausdruck*
If _____ means *vigour*, _____ is *with vigour*
If _____ means *grace*, _____ is *with grace*
If _____ means *fire*, _____ is *with fire*
If _____ means *pedal*, _____ is *with damper pedal*
If _____ means *mute*, _____ is *with mute*
If _____ means *motion*, _____ is *with motion*
_____ is similar in meaning to the German term *bewegt*, which means *moved (quickly)*

_____ means *without*, the opposite of _____
If _____ means *connected (smoothly)*, _____ means *without being connected*

_____ means *always*, the opposite of _____
If _____ means *at ease (slowly)*, _____ means *always slowly*

_____ means *continue in the same way*, similar to _____

_____, is like _____ and means *the same*
_____ means *the same speed*

_____ means *immediately*
If _____ means *softly*, then _____ means *immediately soft*
If _____ means *turn*, then _____, or _____ means *turn (the page of music) quickly*

_____ means *less*, and _____ means *more*
If _____ means *movement*, _____ means *less moved (slower)*
_____ is similar in meaning to the French term *cédez*, which means *yield*
_____ means *more moved (faster)*
If _____ means *brilliant*, _____ means *more brilliantly*

_____ means *little*, and _____ is *little by little*
If _____ means *lively*, _____ is *a little (slightly) lively*
If _____ means *gradually softer*, _____ is *gradually get softer a little by little*

_____ means *but*, _____ means *not*, and _____ means *too much*
If _____ means *moderate (speed)*, _____ is *moderately, but not too much*
_____ has the same meaning as the French term *modéré*, and the German term *mässig*

_____ means *very*, the opposite of _____
_____ has the same meaning as the German term *sehr*
If _____ means *fast*, _____ is *very fast*

_____ means *much*, like _____
If _____ means *expression*, _____ is *with much expression*

_____ means *in the style of*
If _____ means *a march*, _____ is *in the style of a march*
If _____ suggests *cut time*, _____ is *in cut time*

_____ means *play almost like*, similar to _____
_____ means *play like a fantasia*

Expression

_____ means *animated*
_____ means *spirited*
_____ means *lively*
_____ means *agitated*

These terms suggest music that is *quick and energetic*

_____ means *tranquill*
_____ means *simple*
_____ means *solemn*

These terms suggest music that is *slow and calm*

_____ means *sweetly*
_____ means *singing (in a singing manner)*
_____ means *sonorous (rich sound)*

These terms suggest music that is *beautiful and melodic*

_____ means *gracefully*
_____ means *lightly*
_____ has the same meaning as the French term *léger*

These terms suggest music that is *light and played with ease*

_____ means *playful*
_____ means *jolly*

These terms suggest music that is *funny and light-hearted*

_____ means *sorrowful*
_____ means *sad*

These terms suggest music that is *gloomy and unhappy*

_____ means *grand*
_____ means *resolutely*

These terms suggest music that is *noble and pompous*

Tempo

_____ is short for *Maelzel's Metronome*, a device which keeps tempo
_____ is followed by a _____ showing *the note that equals one beat*, an equals sign (=), and a _____ showing *how many beats happen each minute*

_____ means *the tempo is 84 eighth notes per minute*

_____ means play with a *robbed tempo*, and _____ means *at the pleasure of the performer*
Both terms indicate that the tempo is *flexible*

_____ means *at a comfortable tempo*

_____ means *tightening or narrowing*, and _____ means *accelerating*,
Both terms mean the tempo *gradually gets faster*

If _____ means *broad (slowly)*, then _____ means *broadly*
_____ means *becoming more broad (gradually get slower)*
_____ and _____ also mean the tempo *gradually gets slower*, like

However, _____ means the tempo *gets suddenly slower*

_____ means *dying*, which is similar to _____, which means *falling or decreasing*
Both terms mean *get slower and quieter*, a combination of _____ and _____

_____ means *in tempo*

It is used like _____ to show *when to return to normal tempo* after a _____ or _____

Articulation and Symbols

Drawing · under a note makes a _____, which means *detached*

Drawing - under a note makes a _____, which means *held*

_____ means *sustained (play in a sustained manner)*

_____ means *suddenly held, or a tempo that is suddenly slower*


Drawing > under a note makes an _____, which means *emphasized*, the same meaning as _____

_____ means *hammered*, indicating a *strong accent*


_____ means *heavy*, and has a similar effect as _____ and _____

_____ is indicated by *sfz (sf, fz)*, and means a *sudden strong accent*


_____ means *play loud and immediately soft afterwards*


A _____ looks like  and means *gradually get louder*


A _____ looks like  and means *gradually get softer*

A _____ looks like  and means *combine the joined notes into one longer note*

A _____ looks like a _____ but is different because it is *drawn over two or more notes of different pitch*, and means *play the notes within the slur legato (smoothly)*

A _____ looks like  and means *hold the note longer than its usual length*

A _____ looks like this  and means *repeat the music from the beginning*

_____ look like , and mean *repeat the music between the two symbols*

Form

_____ means *head*, and _____ means *end*

_____ means go to the *head (beginning)* and play until the place marked "*the end*"

_____ means *sign* and has a symbol like §

_____ means go to the *sign* and play until the place marked "*the end*"

_____ is the *tail (closing part)* of the piece, and has a symbol like ⊕

_____ means go to the *beginning*, play until the *coda symbol*, and *jump to the coda*

_____ means go to the *sign*, play until the *coda symbol*, and *jump to the coda*

A _____ is for *one performer*, a _____ is for *several performers*, and _____ is for *all performers*

_____, usually found at the beginning of a movement, means *silent (do not play for this movement)*

_____, usually found at the end of a movement, means *attach to the next movement (no pause after this movement)*

Strings and Keyboard

On a string instrument, _____ means play by *plucking the string*, and _____ means play with the *bow*

_____ means *hand*

_____ means play with the *right hand*

_____ means play with the *left hand*

A _____ looks like *Ped.* * or *P* _____

It tells a pianist *when to press down the damper pedal*

_____ is the number *one*, and _____ is the number *three*

If _____ means *string*, _____ means *one string*, and _____ means *three strings*

On the piano, _____ means *press down the soft pedal*, and _____ means *release the soft pedal*