



# Music Terms & Signs

Level 2 & 3

crescendo



decrescendo



diminuendo



*f*

*p*

*mf*

*mp*

*ff*

*pp*

becoming louder

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becoming softer

becoming softer

soft

loud

moderately soft

moderately loud

very soft

very loud

fine

legato



*gva*



play smoothly

the end

*accent*

stress the note

*staccato*

sharply detached

*slur*

play legato

*fermata*

hold longer than  
the written value

*ottava*

play an octave  
higher or lower

*tie*

hold for the value  
of both notes

damper pedal

repeat sign

ritardando

allegro

adagio



fast

gradually slowing down

double bar line

slow

bass clef

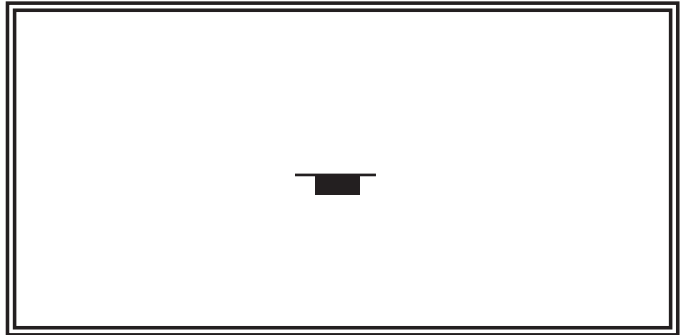
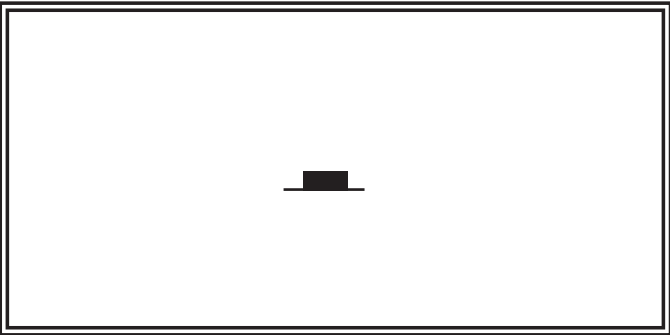
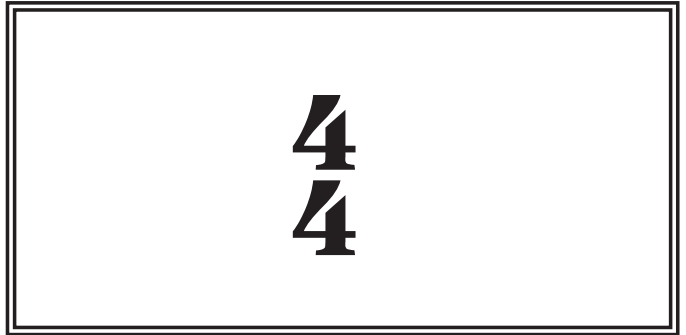
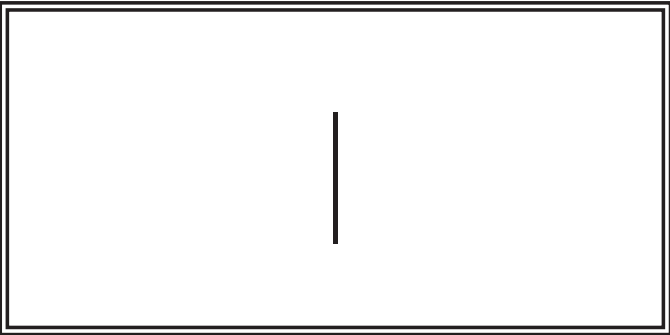
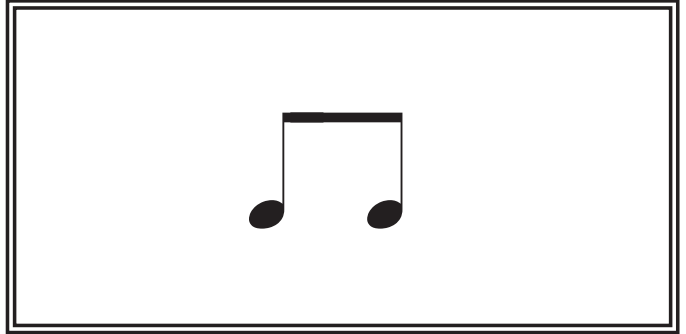
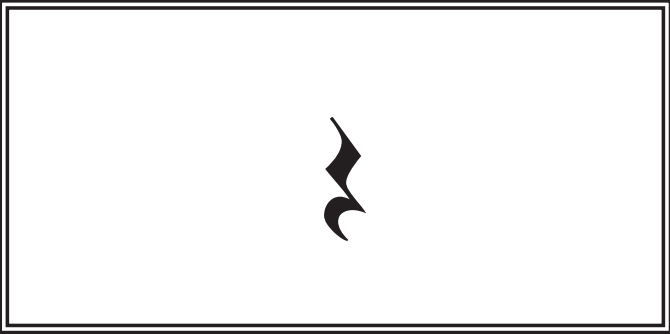
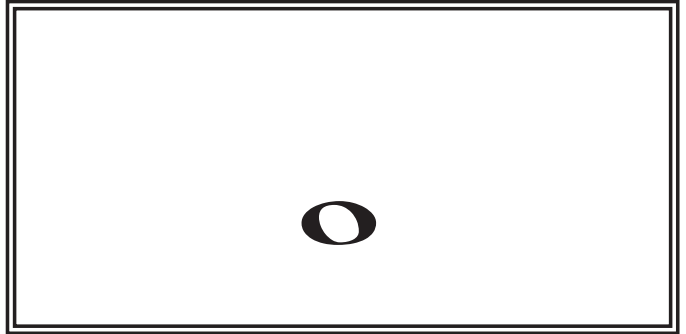
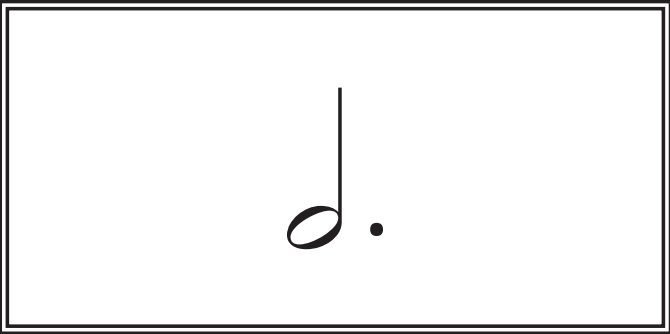
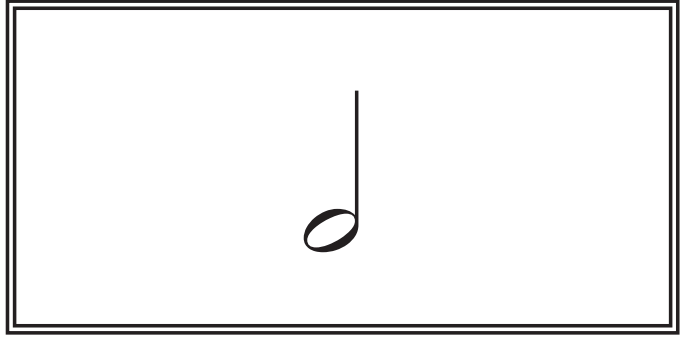
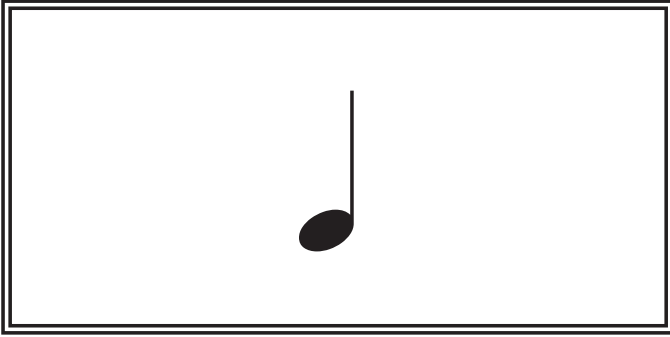
treble clef

flat

sharp

key signature

*natural*  
cancels a sharp or flat



*half note*

2 beats

*quarter note*

1 beat

*whole note*

4 beats

*dotted half note*

3 beats

*2 eighth notes*

1 beat

*quarter rest*

1 beat

time signature

bar line

*whole rest*

a whole measure  
of silence

*half rest*

2 beats

accelerando

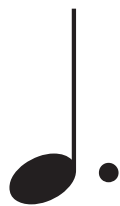
andante

dolce

cantabile

D.C.  
da capo

D.S.  
dal segno



at a walking pace

becoming faster

in a singing style

sweetly

from the sign  $\text{\textcircled{S}}$

from the beginning

*tenuto*  
held, sustained

dotted quarter note

eighth rest

eighth note