



Theory GRADE 2 Theory of Music Syllabus

As in Grade 1, with the addition of:

1 Simple time signatures of two two, three two, four two, three eight, and the grouping of notes and rests within these times.

Triplets, and triplet note groups with rests. Questions will include the composition of simple fourbar rhythms starting on the first beat of the bar and using a given opening.

2 Extension of the stave to include two ledger lines below and above each stave.

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3 Construction of the minor scale (harmonic or melodic at candidate's choice, but candidates will be expected to know which form they are using). Scales and key signatures of the major keys of A, Bb and Eb, and the minor keys of A, E and D, with their tonic triads (root position), Degrees of the scale (number only), and intervals above the tonic (by number only).

4 More terms and signs in common use.

5 Theory Revision Classes

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Suitable for the ABRSM, Trinity Guild Hall, Unisa, and Rock School Theory of Music Examinations. Visit <http://www.abrahamdevar.com/mydownloads> to download theory grades 3 to 5.

Italian terms and Signs used in music notation

Grade 2 Terms and Signs for the Theory of Music Examinations.

Suitable for the ABRSM, Trinity Guild Hall, Unisa and Rock School examinations. The list below are the required terms that will be included in the Grade 2 examination paper. The signs below will be included and learners will be required to describe each music symbol /sign. Note that the Grade 2 Theory examinations will include everything covered in the Grade 1 syllabus.



Italian term	Abbreviation	English meaning
<i>a</i>		in, by, for, to, in the style of
<i>al, alla</i>		in the manner of, to the
<i>allargando</i>		broadening - getting a little slow and louder
<i>andantino</i>		slightly faster than andante
<i>assai</i>		very
<i>con, col</i>		without
<i>dolce</i>		sweet, soft
<i>e, ed</i>		and
<i>espressivo</i>	<i>express.espr</i>	expressive, with expression
<i>fortepiano</i>		loud then immediately soft
<i>giocoso</i>		playful, merry
<i>grave</i>		very slow, solemn
<i>grazioso</i>		graceful
<i>larghetto</i>		rather slow but not as slow as largo
<i>largo</i>		slow and stately
<i>ma</i>		but
<i>maestoso</i>		majestic
<i>meno</i>		less
<i>molto</i>		very, much
<i>mosso, moto</i>		movement
<i>non</i>		not as quick as allegro - fairly quick
<i>piu</i>		more
<i>presto</i>		fast
<i>senza</i>		without
<i>sforzando, sforzato</i>		forced, accented
<i>simile</i>	<i>sim</i>	in the same way
<i>sostenuto</i>		sustained
<i>tenuto</i>		held
<i>troppo</i>		too much
<i>vivace, vivo</i>		lively, quick



Semi-staccato or half-staccato. The staccato dots are written inside a slur. The notes should be slightly separated (*semi-staccato*), but less than regular staccato.

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Accents in music - Marcato. The notes marked with the accent symbols as illustrated below are accented and slightly separated..

Accented note

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Tenuto - the note is held with some pressure.

Tenuto

Tenuto - a note that is held.



Staccatissimo which is extreme staccato, The note is somewhat shortened in duration because of the detachment. The wedge symbol is used above or inverted below the note head as indicated in the illustration below..



Abbreviations used in music notation:

fp - fortepiano – loud then immediately soft

sf / *sfz* - sforzando / sforzato – forced / accented

The abbreviations above will appear in the examination paper for Grade 1. Know the complete Italian name and the English meaning of the abbreviation.

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Theory of Music Online - Grade 2 Terms and Signs

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