

Tempo Dynamics and Musical Intent



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Use the material to work through each task. Show the requested response.

1. Which term describes speed?

Answer: tempo

2. What does piano mean?

Answer: soft

3. What does forte mean?

Answer: loud

4. Can a passage be fast and soft?

Answer: Yes

Tempo and dynamics describe different qualities.

5. Choose tempo and dynamics for a calm scene and explain.

Look for:

- Offers a plausible choice and reason; alternatives are acceptable.

One possible response: Slow and soft might fit a calm scene.

6. Explain why louder does not mean faster.

Look for:

- Distinguishes the two features.

One possible response: Loudness is dynamics; speed is tempo.

Open responses use criteria and an illustrative response. Other well-supported responses can be acceptable.