

Tempo

When discussing music, tempo is defined as the rate or speed at which music is or should be played. Tempo can also be thought of as the rate, rhythm or pattern of an activity. Tempo is also the Italian word for "time".

Some common tempo terms:

Adagio - A slow, leisurely tempo. Adagio is from the Italian word for "ease".

Andante - A moderately slow tempo. Andante is from the Italian for "to walk".

Allegro - A lively or moderately fast tempo. Allegro is from the Italian word for "cheerful".

Presto - A very fast tempo. Presto is from the Italian word for "quick".

