

The Music Educator

Tempo Markings Chart

Slow Tempo Markings

Tempo Marking	Meaning	Beats Per Minute (BPM)
Larghissimo	Very, very slow	20 or slower
Grave	Slow and solemn	20-40
Lento	Slowly	40-60
Lentissimo	At a very slow Tempo	48 or slower
Largo	Broad, slow	40-60
Larghetto	Rather broadly	60-66
Adagio	At ease	66-76
Adagietto	Rather slow	70-80
Tranquillo	Tranquil, peaceful	80
Andante Moderato	A bit slower than andante	92-98

Moderate Tempo Markings

Tempo Marking	Meaning	BPM
Andante	At a walking pace	72-76
Andantino	Slightly faster and more light-hearted than andante	73-83
Moderato	Moderately	108-120
Allegretto	Moderately	100-128

Fast Tempo Markings

Tempo Marking	Meaning	BPM
Allegro moderato	Moderately Quick	116-120
Allegro	Quick	120-156
Vivace	Fast/briskly	156-176
Vivacissimo	Very Fast and Lively	172-176
Allegriissimo/ Allegro Vivace	Very Fast	172-176
Presto	Very very fast	168-200
Prestissimo	Faster than presto	200+