

Music Theory: Ties and Slurs

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Understanding Slurs

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Answer the questions below to review what you learned about slurs in music.

1. A slur is a curved line connecting ____ notes.
2. What do slurs tell musicians to do?
 - A. Play loudly
 - B. Play smoothly
 - C. Play quickly
3. Slurs connect the same notes in music.
 True False
4. What is one thing that slurs make music sound like?

5. How do ties differ from slurs?
 - A. Ties connect different notes
 - B. Ties connect same notes
 - C. Ties are longer than slurs
6. Slurs look like gentle ____ over musical notes.
7. Slurs help express smooth movement in music.
 True False
8. What might a trumpet sound like when played with a slur?

9. Which instrument is mentioned in Psalm 150:3?
 - A. Violin
 - B. Trumpet
 - C. Drum
10. Slurs make music sound choppy.
 True False

Answer Key

1. different 2. Play smoothly 3. False 4. Smooth and connected. 5. Ties connect same notes 6. arches 7. True 8. It would sound smooth and flowing. 9. Trumpet 10. False