

Tempo Music Review

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Understanding Ritardando and Accelerando

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about musical tempo and expression.

1. What does the term 'ritardando' mean?

- A. Gradually speeding up
- B. Gradually slowing down
- C. Playing loudly

2. What does 'accelerando' refer to in music?

- A. Gradually slowing down
- B. Gradually speeding up
- C. Playing softly

3. Ritardando means gradually ____ down.

4. Accelerando means gradually ____ up.

5. How can changing the speed of music show different feelings?

6. Why is it important for musicians to use tempo changes?

7. Match the musical term to its meaning.

Ritardando

Gradually slowing down

Accelerando

Gradually speeding up

8. What is an example of a situation where music might get slower?

- A. A happy celebration
- B. A sad goodbye
- C. A fast race

9. Changing tempo helps musicians express emotion in their music.

True False

10. Psalm 33:3 teaches us to play ____ with a loud noise.

Answer Key

1. Gradually slowing down 2. Gradually speeding up 3. slowing 4. speeding 5. Changing speed can make a song feel sad or happy. Faster music feels exciting, while slower music can feel calm. 6. Tempo changes make music more interesting and express emotions. They help the audience feel what the music is saying. 7. Gradually slowing down 8. A sad goodbye 9. True 10. skillfully