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Tempo

Grade: _____

Tempo: The tempo tells us whether the beat of the music is fast or slow.
Italian words are used to describe different speeds or tempos.

Italian:	Play or Sing:	Italian:	Play or Sing:
adagio	slow	allegro	lively and quick
lento	slowly	vivace	fast and lively
largo	very slow and broad	presto	very quick
andante	slow, at a walking pace	prestissimo	as quick as possible
moderato	moderate pace	accelerando	gradually get faster
		ritardando or rit.	gradually get slower

Part A: Fill in the blanks for these tempo terms.

1. Allegro means _____.
2. _____ means very quickly (as fast as you can go).
3. Vivace means _____.
4. _____ is faster than presto and vivace.
5. Presto means _____.
6. _____ means at a moderate, or medium speed.
7. Andante means to play or sing at a _____ pace.
8. _____ means very slow and broad.
9. Adagio means _____.
10. The word meaning gradually get faster is _____.
11. The word meaning very slow and broad is _____.
12. The word meaning gradually get slower is _____.
13. The word meaning at a moderate pace is _____.
14. The abbreviation rit. stands for _____.
15. The abbreviation rit. means to _____.

Part B: Unscramble the tempo terms. Explain what the term means.

1. glaloer _____
2. rgaol _____
3. oartoedm _____
4. avcive _____
5. taennda _____

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