Italian musical terms quiz

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A. What does it mean? Write the English meaning.

1. ***con fuoco*** _____

2. ***scordatura*** _____

3. ***fioritura*** _____

4. ***legato*** _____

5. ***con amore*** _____

6. ***coda*** _____

7. ***adagio*** _____

8. ***l'istesso tempo*** _____

9. ***poco a poco*** _____

10. ***tenuto*** _____

B. Write the Italian word.

11. “with brightness” _____

12. “marked” _____

13. “slowing” _____

14. “carried” _____

15. “colouration” _____

16. “broad-ish” _____

17. “attach, begin” _____

18. “suddenly, quickly” _____

19. “trembling” _____

20. “sweet” _____

C. Write the abbreviation out in full.

21. ***rall.*** _____

22. ***cresc.*** _____

23. ***D.C.*** _____

24. ***espress.*** _____

25. ***rit.*** _____

26. ***accel.*** _____

27. ***sfz*** _____

28. ***dim.*** _____

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Italian musical terms quiz — answers

28 answers

A. Meanings

1. con fuoco — **with fire**
Passionate, lively, enthusiastic

2. scordatura — **discord**
cross-tuning

3. fioritura — **flowery**
A musical embellishment or ornamentation.

4. legato — **tied**
Smoothly, in a connected manner.

5. con amore — **with love**
played gently, with tenderness

6. coda — **tail**
The end of a piece

7. adagio — **ad agio, at ease**
A tempo mark directing that a passage is to be played rather slowly, leisurely and gracefully.

8. l'istesso tempo — **the same time**
Indicates that the following movement should be played at the same tempo as the last, often employed when switching from simple to compound metres or vice versa, to clarify that the tempo stays the same in reference to the beats felt, not the time signature.

9. poco a poco — **little by little**
little by little; gradually

10. tenuto — **sustained**
A tempo mark directing that a note or passage is to be held for the full time

B. Italian words

11. con brio — “with brightness”

12. marcato — “marked”

13. lentando — “slowing”

14. portato — “carried”

15. coloratura — “colouration”

16. larghetto — “broad-ish”

17. attacca — “attach, begin”

18. subito — “suddenly, quickly”

19. tremolo — “trembling”

20. dolce — “sweet”

C. Abbreviations

21. rall. → **rallentando**

22. cresc. → **crescendo**

23. D.C. → **da capo**

24. espress. → **espressivo**

25. rit. → **ritardando**

26. accel. → **accelerando**

27. sfz → **sforzando**

28. dim. → **diminuendo**

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