

The word **tempo** means the speed of the music—fast, slow, etc.

The tempo mark is located above the time signature. Italian words are commonly used as tempo marks. Your teacher will help you pronounce them.

Tempo marks

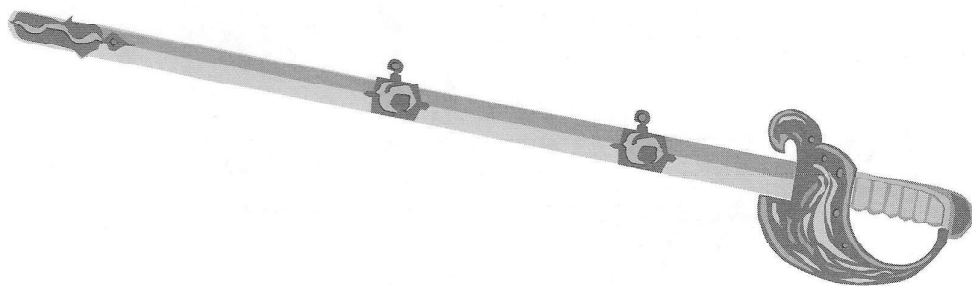
Allegro — fast and lively (♩ = 126–168)

Moderato — moderately, slower than Allegro (♩ = 108–120)

Andante — “walking speed,” slower than Moderato (♩ = 76–104)

Sword Dance

5-Finger Scale



Allegro *He leaps out!* *He waves his sword.*

3 on ___? 2 1

f *mp*

Teacher Duet: (Student plays 1 octave higher)

R.H. 1 5

L.H. *mf* *p* *pp*

9 13 17 21

5 *He leaps again!*

He pauses.

9 *He walks along a narrow ledge . . .*

(Move quickly.)

. . . jumps to a higher ledge and disappears into the shadows.

13

17 *He leaps out!*

He waves his sword.

21

On guard!

8va-
(without duet)



Play *Sword Dance* using one of these tempo marks: *Allegro*, *Moderato*, or *Andante*.
See if your teacher can correctly name your tempo.