

Competency 6.0

Ability to apply theoretical and practical knowledge of the rudiments of music.

Competency Level 6.8

Identifies and describes terms and signs used in music

6.8.2

Experiencing short and detached playing, smooth and connected playing.

LEGATO AND STACCATO



- Let's learn two new terms in Western music.
- Use the following links and listen to the two melodies carefully.
<https://youtu.be/tmmKJFgUN1s>
<https://youtu.be/QrAwRmKZGvo>
- Did you recognize a difference of playing the notes in the above two melodies?
 - The notes of the first melody are connected. They move smoothly into the next note.
 - The notes of the second melody are disconnected. They are short and bouncy.
- The way you press the piano keys changes how the notes sound.
- Notes can move smoothly into the next or can stop short.

- The different ways of playing a single note or a group of notes are known as **'Articulation'** in music.
- There are two common types of articulation in music.



1. Staccato

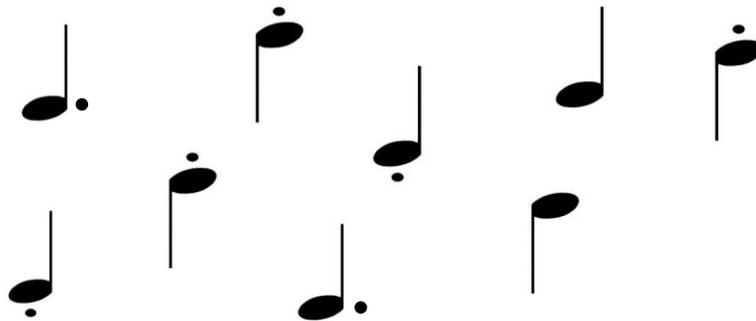
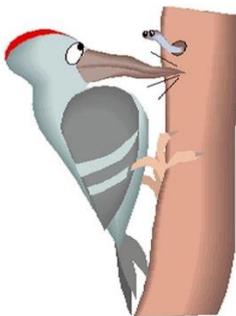


- A dot over or under a note means Staccato.
- Staccato notes are to be played short and detached (disconnected).
- To play staccato let go of the key as soon as you play it letting your wrist bounces lightly.

Let's be Dotty

Circle the **STACCATO** notes.

Playing **STACCATO** is a lot like a woodpecker pecking its beak on a tree - short, jumpy pecks. You can tell which notes are **STACCATO** as they have a dot below or above the note head.



Staccato

Clapping Song

Bouncy (♩ = 140)    Guatemalan

Feel the beat with me in this clap-ping song.

Eas-y as can be, keep it loud and strong.

- This a piano piece with Staccato notes.
- Watch the performance of the above piano piece using the given link.
<https://youtu.be/5Z-xU4QaAMI>
- Try to play this piece on your piano with a bouncing wrist.

2. Legato

Legato

- A curved line (slur) over or under several notes means Legato.(any note without a dot above or below)
- Legato notes are to be played smoothly and connected.
- To play legato, connect the notes by pressing the key down smoothly from one finger to the next. (like a see saw action)

Smooth notes - Legato
 Smooth flowing music can be described as Legato.

The image shows several examples of musical notation on a five-line staff. Each example consists of a series of notes connected by a smooth, curved line (a slur), illustrating the concept of legato. To the right of the notation is a cartoon illustration of a blue snake with green spots, winding its body in a smooth, flowing pattern.

Andantino **Legato**

*Andantino

Louis Köhler
 (1820 1886)
 Adapted by Fred Kern

The image displays a musical score for a piano piece titled 'Andantino' by Louis Köhler. The score is written for piano and is in 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef. The first system starts with a piano (p) dynamic and includes a magnifying glass icon over the first measure. The second system starts with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic and includes a magnifying glass icon over the fifth measure. The third system starts with a forte (f) dynamic and includes a magnifying glass icon over the third measure. The fourth system starts with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic and includes a magnifying glass icon over the first measure. The score is marked with 'Legato' in a large, bold font. A note number '1' is placed at the end of the final slur.

* Andantino means a slightly faster tempo than Andante.

- This a piano piece with Legato notes.
- Watch the performance of the above piano piece using the given link.
<https://youtu.be/YeboSvpUDjg>
- Try to play this piece on your piano gently lifting the wrist at the end of each slur.

Evaluation (01) Listening Activity

Listen to the following music using the given links and identify legato and staccato playing.

1. <https://youtu.be/FtdudXOTAwQ>
2. <https://youtu.be/YTi2lutY22U>
3. <https://youtu.be/pUXIXtkkYHs?list=PLE2CD76725E8317C5>
4. <https://youtu.be/PuANLsNbMFA>
5. <https://youtu.be/d-QYuFl3yo>
6. <https://youtu.be/SCXo4I1LrI8>

	Legato Playing	Staccato Playing
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
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(02) Answer the following Questions

1. How is the Staccato indicated in music?
2. What is the term used for smooth and connected playing?