

First Note "Words of the Week"

We've assembled all the "words of the week" that appear throughout the 30 lessons for your convenience. The words are listed in alphabetical order, not as they appear in the curriculum.

Accompany: to go along with or join in

Allegro: to play a piece in a quick & lively manner

Alternating: to change back and forth, or take turns

Beat: the steady pulse of music

Composer: someone who writes or creates music

Conductor: someone who directs a musical group

Copy: to do what I do

Duet: two musicians performing together

Echo: to copy

Ensemble: a group of people singing or playing together

Forte & Piano: Italian words for loud & soft

Improvise: to make music up on the spot

Largo: a very slow tempo

Lullaby: songs that we sing softly at bedtime

Melody: a sequence of notes that make up a tune or a theme

Music Staff: the lines and spaces that show where music notes are written

Pattern: a sequence or series of sounds or pictures

Percussion: a family of instruments played by shaking or being struck with hands or a mallet

Pitch: the high or low quality of a sound

Repeat: to do, make, or perform again

Rhyme: words that sound the same

Rhythm: the pattern of sounds in a song; the way the words go

Solo: someone singing or playing music alone

Steps & Leaps: the way notes move in a melody

Tempo: the speed of music

Voice: our vocal instrument — speak, sing, shout & whisper.