

# Orchestra Vocabulary Words

Vocabulary Words	Grade Level	High Value Words	Key
a tempo	I		I=6th Grade Orchestra
accelerando	II		II=7th Grade Orchestra
accidental	I	X	III=8th Grade Orchestra
accompaniment	I	X	IV=Senior High Orchestra
adagio	II	X	
aesthetic	V	X	
agitato	IV		* High Value means a term that has
al fine	I	X	more than one meaning.
allargando	II		
allegretto	II		
allegro	I/II		
andante	I/II		
animato	III		
arpeggio	I	X	
articulation	II		
audition	I/II	X	
aural	III	X	
balance	I	X	
balance point	I		
bar line	I		

Baroque	II	
bass clef	I	
baton	I/II	
beat	I	X
bow	I	X
bow hair	I	
bridge	I	X
cadenza	IV/V	
canon	I	X
cantabile	II	
cello	I	
chamber music	III	
chin rest	I	
chord	I	X
chromatic	III	X
circle of fifths	IV	
Classical	II	X
clef	I	X
coda	I	X
common time	II	
compose/composer	I	
composition	I	X
con brio	III	
	II	

con fuoco	II	
con moto	III	
con spirito	III	
concerto	III	
concerto grosso	IV	
conductor	I	X
conservatory	III	X
counterpoint	II	
crescendo	I	X
cut time	I	
D.C. al fine	I	
da capo	I	X
dal segno/segno	I	X
decrescendo	I	X
detache	II	
development	III	X
diminuendo	II	X
dissonance	III	X
divisi	II	
dolce	II	
dotted note	I	
double bar	I	
doublestop	II	

down beat	I	
duet	I	X
duple meter	II	
dynamics	I	
energico	III	
ensemble	I	X
espressivo	II/III	
etude	III	
exposition	III	
fermata	I	X
finale	I	
fine	I	X
fingering	I	
first ending	I	
flat (pitch)/flat (sign)	II	X
forte	I	X
fortissimo	II	
forzando	II/III	
fugue	II	
G clef	I	
gavotte	II	
genre	II	
glissando	IV	
grace note	III	

grand staff	I	
grandioso	II	
grave	III	X
harmonic	III	X
harmony	II	X
homophony	III	
hooked bowing	II	
ictus	III	
improvisation	I	X
interval (second, third, etc.)	I/II	X
intonation	I	
key signature	I	
largo	I	X
ledger/leger line	I	
legato	II	X
leggiero	III	
lento	III	
lift	I	X
loco	IV	
lower half	I	
maestoso	III	
major	I	X
major triad	II	
marcato	II	X

measure	I	X
measure repeat	I	
melodic minor	III	
melody	I	X
meno mosso	II	
meter	I	X
metronome	I	X
mezzo forte	I/II	
mezzo piano	I/II	
middle "c"	II	
minor	II	X
minor triad	II	
minuet	II	
mode(s)	IV	X
moderato	I	
modulation	III	X
molto	II	
mordent	III	
morendo	IV	
movement	I	X
mute	II	X
natural (sign)	I	X
notation	I	

octave	I	
orchestra	I	
orchestration	II	
overture	II	
pesante	IV	
phrase	II	X
pianissimo	II	
piano	I	X
pick-up note	I	
piu mosso	II	
pizzicato	I	
poco a poco	II/III	
poco piu mosso	II	
ponticello	III	
presto	II	X
pulse	I	X
rallentando	II/III	
recapitulation	III	
recital	II	
recorder	I	X
refrain	II	X
rehearsal	I	X
repeat sign	I	
rhythm	I	X

ritardando	III	
rondo	II	
rubato	III	
scale	I	X
scherzo	III	
score	II	X
second ending	I	
sempre	II/III	
senza/senze	II/III	
sforzando	III	
sharp (pitch)/sharp (sign)	II	X
sight read	I	
simile	I	x
slur	I	X
soli	III	X
solo	II	X
sonata	II	
sordino	II	
spiccato	III	
staccato	I/II	X
staff	I	X
string bass	I	
stringendo	III	
subdivide	II	X

symphony	III	X
syncopation	II/III	
tacet	II	
tempo	I	X
tempo di valse	I	
tenuto	II	
texture	II	X
theme/theme and variations	II	X
thumb position	IV	
tie	I	X
timbre	I	
time signature	I	X
tonality	I	X
tone/tone quality	I/II	X
tranquillo	III	
treble	I	
tremelo	I	
trill	II	
triplet	I	
tuning fork	I	
tutti	II	
unison	I	
up bow	I	

upbeat	I	X
upper half	I	X
valse	IV	
variation	II	X
vibrato	II/III	
viola	I	
violin	I	
virtuoso	I	
vivace	III	
waltz	I	
whole bow	I	
whole step	I	



# Theater Vocabulary List



Vocabulary Words	Grade Level	Other Words	High Value Words
accent	M		
act (n)	M		
ad-lib	M		
amphitheater	M		
analysis	M		analysis
animation	M	animator	
antagonist	M	antagonize	
anticlimax	H		
apron	H		
arena stage	H		
artistic discipline	M	art, arts, fine arts	
aside	M		
audition	M		
backdrop	M		
backstage	M		
balcony	M	design, architecture	
baton	H		
beat	M		
bevel cut	H		
black box	H	design, architecture	

blackout	H		
blood pack	H		
boomerang	H		boomerang
brace	M		
bravo	M		
Bunraku	H		
burlesque	M		
callbacks	M		
center stage	M		
choreography	M		
climax	M		
clowning	M		
comedy	M		
comic relief	M		
commedia del arte	H		
conclusion	M	finale, resolution	conclusion
conflict	M		
copyright	M	ASCAP	
costume plot	M		
crew	M		
cue	M		cue
curtain	M		
curtain call	M		
cyclorama	M		

designer	M		
development	M		
diaphragm	M	breath support	
double cast	M		
downstage	M		
downstage center	M		
downstage left	M		
downstage right	M		
encore	M		
ensemble	M		
exposition	M		exposition
flat	M		
flexible staging	H		
fly	H		
flyspace	H		
focus	M		focus
foundation	M		foundation
fourth wall	M		
freeze (v.)	M		
front elevation	M		
gel	H		gel
genre	M	style	
gesture	M	gesticulate	

gobo	H		
grand drape	H		
green room	M		
grip	M		
ground plan	M		
ground row	M		
groundlings	M		
house	M	auditorium, theater, venue	
house manager	M		
humanities	M		
illusion	M		illusion
improvisation	M		improvisation
incongruity	M		incongruity
inflection	M		inflection
innanmorati -a	H		
intermission	M		
irony	M		
Kabuki	M		
lamp	M	illuminate, illumination	
lead	M		
legs	H		
lens	H		
lobby	M		lobby
mask	M		

masking	M		
melodrama	M		
mezzanine	M		
microphone	M	mic,amplify	
mime	M		
miracle play	M		
mitar cut	H		
motivation	M	intrensic, extrinsic	
movement	M		
musical theater	M		
narrator	M	monologue, soliloquy	narrator
nemesis	M		nemesis
neo-classical	M		
off book	M		
opera	M	opretta, musical	
operator	M		
oral interpretation	M		
orchestra	M		
overture	M		overture
pantomime	M		
parody	M		parody
pit	M		
playwright	M		
point of view	M	perspective	

poise	M		
posture	M		
procenium	H	arch	
produce	M		
producer	M		
projection	M		
prompt	M		
prompt book	M		
protagonist	M		
radio drama	M		
rake	M		rake
reader's theater	H		
rhythm	M	tempo	
royalties	M		royalties
run through	M		
satire	M		satire
scale	M		scale
scenery	M		
screenplay	M		
scrim	H		
soliloquy	M	monologue	
spike	M		
spot light	M		

stage direction	M		
stage jack	M		
stage left	M		
stage manager	M		
stage right	M		
stereotype	M		stereotype
story board	M		
storytelling	M	yarn, tale	
strike	M		
swag	M		
swing	M		
teasers	H		
technical rehearsal	H		
thespian	M		
thrust stage	H		
timing	M		
tormentors	M		
tower	M		
tragedy	M		
transition	M		transition
trust	M		
type cast	M	stereotype	
understudy	M	protégé	
upstage (n)	M		

upstage (v)	M		upstage (v)
upstage center	M		
upstage left	M		
upstage right	M		
voice quality	M	timbre	
wings	H		wings