

Articulation

Music

The marks that say how a note is played, not which note it is.

Each mark sits directly above or below its notehead.

Mark	Name	Play it
•	Staccato	Short and detached — about half its written length
—	Tenuto	Full length, slightly leaned on
>	Accent	Attack the start harder
^	Marcato	Accented and short
slur	Slur	All under one bow or breath, no re-attack
fermata	Fermata	Hold past its value, at the player's discretion

A slur between two notes of the SAME pitch is a tie — one longer note, not two.