

Trumpet Sight-reading and Transposition tests from 2023 - a sampler



The sight-reading and transposition requirements for Trumpet are changing for 2023. A set of tests for Grades 6-8 are provided here to give you a flavour of what to expect.

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Grade 6

Lonely Lizard

Doloroso

p *mp* *p* *mp*

p *f sub.* *p*

poco rall. **a tempo** *mf*

rall. *p* *pp*

Transpose as for Trumpet in C

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 5/4. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'Doloroso' and contains two measures with dynamics *p* and *mp*. The second staff continues with dynamics *p*, *f sub.*, and *p*. The third staff includes the instruction 'poco rall.' followed by 'a tempo' and a dynamic of *mf*. The fourth staff concludes with 'rall.' and dynamics *p* and *pp*. A double bar line is present at the end of the fourth staff. A transposition instruction 'Transpose as for Trumpet in C' is located above the third staff.

Grade 7

Always Cheerful

Allegro con brio

Musical score for 'Always Cheerful' in 7/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a dynamic of *f* and includes markings for *f*, *mf*, and *f*. The second staff features dynamics of *p* and *pp*. The third staff includes the instruction 'Transpose as for Trumpet in C' and a dynamic of *mf*. The fourth staff concludes with dynamics of *f*, *p cresc.*, and *f*.

Grade 8

Soliloquy

Andante espressivo

Musical score for 'Soliloquy' in 4/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of four staves. The first staff includes dynamics of *mp*, *mf*, and *p*, along with a triplet marking. The second staff features a dynamic of *mp*. The third staff includes the instruction 'Transpose as for Trumpet in C' and a dynamic of *mf*. The fourth staff concludes with dynamics of *f* and *mp*.