


# SINGING WITH ARTICULATIONS

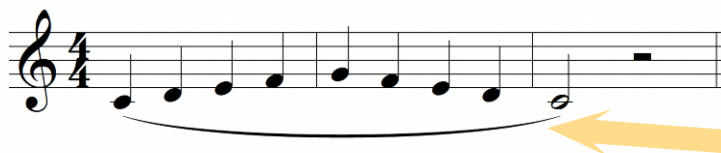
**Articulations** specify how individual notes are to be performed within a phrase or passage of music.

**Articulation markings** are symbols that tell us how to exactly sing (or play) a note (or notes).

## LEGATO

Sing legato! Legato means **smooth and connected**.

1.  Sing the following exercise using relaxed, open vowel sounds.



The curved line connecting the notes is called a **slur**. It tells us to sing **legato**.

## STACCATO

Sing Staccato! Staccato means **short and detached**. Staccato notes are marked with dots above or below the note head.



2.  Sing the following exercise slowly.



### RETURN TO REPERTOIRE

Can you find articulation markings in the music of songs you are performing?

Why do you think the composer wanted to use different articulations in this song?

## ARTICULATION CHALLENGE!

3.  Sing the following exercises slowly.



4.  Draw your own articulation markings in the exercise below.

5.  Sing your new exercise slowly. (Or make your teacher sing it!)

