**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).

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**LEGATO**

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

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

   ![Legato Example]

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

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**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.

   ![Staccato Example]

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**ARTICULATION CHALLENGE!**

3. 🎶 Sing the following exercises slowly.

   ![Articulation Challenge Example]

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

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

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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?

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