

Cadences

Cadences are the musical equivalent to punctuation in sentences.

Perfect cadence – The equivalent of a full stop.

... **V** to **I** The phrase comes to a definite end.

Imperfect cadence – The equivalent of a comma.

... **?** to **V** The phrase wants to continue.

Interrupted cadence – The equivalent of an **!**

... **V** to **Vi** The phrase ends in a surprise.

Also Known as the 'surprise' cadence'.

Plagal cadence – An alternative version of a full stop..

... **?** to **V** The phrase comes to a gentle end.

Also known as the Amen cadence.