Introduction to Dynamics

Name: _____   Class: _____

Dynamics in music tell us how loud or soft to sing or play. Italian words are used to describe different dynamics.

Italian:	Symbol:	Play or Sing
mezzo piano	*mp*	medium soft (quiet)
piano	*p*	soft (or quiet)
pianissimo	*pp*	very soft (quiet)

Italian:	Symbol:	Play or Sing:
fortissimo	*ff*	very loud
forte	*f*	loud
mezzo forte	*mf*	medium loud

A **crescendo** means to play or sing gradually louder. <

A **decrescendo or diminuendo** means to play or sing gradually softer. >

To Do: Draw the symbol for each dynamics term.

Italian word:	Symbol:	Play or Sing:
pianissimo	_____	very soft (quiet)
piano	_____	soft (or quiet)
mezzo piano	_____	medium soft (quiet)
mezzo forte	_____	medium loud
forte	_____	loud
fortissimo	_____	very loud

Write the Italian words for dynamics in order from softest to loudest.

very soft _____   soft _____

medium soft _____

medium loud _____

loud _____   very loud _____