

# DYNAMIC SIGNS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

DYNAMIC SIGNS OR SYMBOLS in music show the performer how loud or soft the music should be played or heard. Most musical terms are written in "ITALIAN" since Italian composers were among the first to write music notes

ITALIAN	SIGN	ENGLISH
<i>Piano</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>soft</i>
<i>forte</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>loud</i>
<i>mezzo piano</i>	<i>mp</i>	<i>moderately soft</i>
<i>mezzo forte</i>	<i>mf</i>	<i>moderately loud</i>
<i>pianissimo</i>	<i>pp</i>	<i>very soft</i>
<i>fortissimo</i>	<i>ff</i>	<i>very loud</i>

Place the Italian word or name, next to the Dynamic Signs below:

*f* \_\_\_\_\_ *pp* \_\_\_\_\_

*mp* \_\_\_\_\_ *ff* \_\_\_\_\_

*P* \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* \_\_\_\_\_

Use the correct Dynamic Sign from above at least once, under the correct sentence in the story, below.

*“Wake up!” whispered Ron to his brother Steven. The boys*

*a. \_\_\_\_\_*

*walked softly out the door. They heard the moderately soft*

*b. \_\_\_\_\_*

*c. \_\_\_\_\_*

*sound of a distant airplane, which roared very loudly as it*

*d. \_\_\_\_\_*

*flew overhead. Steven said, “Let’s play basketball,” in a moderately loud voice. They shouted a loud yes as they ran*

*e. \_\_\_\_\_*

*f. \_\_\_\_\_*

*to the park.*

