

Introduction to Dynamics

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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	<i>mp</i>	medium soft (quiet)
piano	<i>p</i>	soft (or quiet)
pianissimo	<i>pp</i>	very soft (quiet)

Italian:	Symbol:	Play or Sing:
fortissimo	<i>ff</i>	very loud
forte	<i>f</i>	loud
mezzo forte	<i>mf</i>	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.

<u>Italian word:</u>	<u>Symbol:</u>	<u>Play or Sing:</u>
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 _____