

Max and Zara's Musical Dynamics Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand and identify musical dynamics, including common Italian terms for volume and how they are used in a composition.

Read the front of the card to test your knowledge of dynamics. Flip to see if you are correct! Use these to help Max solve his rhythm puzzles and Zara paint her musical patterns.

What do we call the volume of a piece of music, how loud or quiet it is?	What does the Italian term 'Piano' mean in music?
Dynamics	Quietly
What does the Italian term 'Forte' mean in music?	Which term describes music that is 'moderately quiet'?
Loudly	Mezzo-piano (mp)
Which term describes music that is 'moderately loud'?	What does a 'Crescendo' tell a musician to do?
Mezzo-forte (mf)	To gradually get louder
What does a 'Diminuendo' tell a musician to do?	What is the abbreviation for 'Fortissimo', which means very loud?
To gradually get quieter	ff
What is the abbreviation for 'Pianissimo', which means very quiet?	If a composer writes a long wedge shape opening up (<), what are they asking for?
pp	A Crescendo
If a composer writes a long wedge shape closing up (>), what are they asking for?	
A Diminuendo	