

Max's Music Dynamics Flashcards

Learning objective: To understand and identify musical dynamics (volume levels) used in performance.

Read the front of the card. Try to guess the answer before checking the back. Max the monkey says: 'Think about how loud or quiet the sound is!'

What do we call the volume of a piece of music?

Dynamics

What does the Italian word 'Piano' mean in music?

Quiet or soft

What does the Italian word 'Forte' mean in music?

Loud

What does it mean when music gets gradually louder?

Crescendo

What does it mean when music gets gradually quieter?

Diminuendo

Which symbol (p) is used to show quiet music?

Piano

Which symbol (f) is used to show loud music?

Forte

If Max plays a drum very softly, what dynamic is he using?

Piano

If Max plays a drum very loudly, what dynamic is he using?

Forte

Does a 'Crescendo' mean the sound is getting bigger or smaller?

Bigger (louder)

Does a 'Diminuendo' mean the sound is getting bigger or smaller?

Smaller (quieter)

Why do musicians change dynamics?

To make the music exciting and add feeling