

Max's Guide to Musical Dynamics

Turn the volume up! Let's explore how quiet and loud sounds make music exciting.

- **Dynamics** is the word we use to describe how loud or quiet a piece of music is.
- The word '**Piano**' is a musical instruction that means play the notes quietly.
- The word '**Forte**' is a musical instruction that means play the notes loudly.
- A '**Crescendo**' means the music is gradually getting louder, like a lion's roar growing in strength.
- A '**Diminuendo**' means the music is gradually getting quieter, like a whisper fading away.

Did you know? Did you know? The words we use for music volume, like 'piano' and 'forte', come from the Italian language! Composers have used these special instructions for hundreds of years to tell musicians how to play.

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