



Introduction to Dynamic Terms

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Dynamic terms in music tell us how loud or soft to sing or play. A **crescendo** < means to gradually play or sing louder. A **decrescendo** > means to gradually play or sing softer. Italian words are used to describe different dynamics.

These dynamic terms tell us to play the music **loudly**.

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



Part A: Fill in the blanks for these loud dynamic terms.

1. Mezzo forte means to play or sing _____.
2. _____ means to play very loud.
3. Dynamic terms tell us _____.
4. Forte means to play _____.
5. Write the abbreviation for: forte _____ fortissimo _____ mezzo forte _____
6. A crescendo means to _____.

These dynamic terms tell us to play the music **softly**.

<u>Italian:</u>	<u>Symbol:</u>	<u>Play or Sing</u>
mezzo piano	<i>mp</i>	medium soft
piano	<i>p</i>	soft
pianissimo	<i>pp</i>	very soft



Part B: Fill in the blanks for these softer dynamic terms.

1. A decrescendo means to _____.
2. _____ means to play very soft.
3. Mezzo piano means _____.
4. Write the abbreviation for: piano _____ pianissimo _____ mezzo piano _____
5. List all the dynamic terms from **loudest** to **softest**: _____
