

Dynamics worksheet

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Name _____

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A. Match each Italian word to its sign

Write the letter of the sign next to the word.

1. *fortissimo* _____
2. *crescendo* _____
3. *mezzo forte* _____
4. *piano* _____
5. *mezzo piano* _____
6. *diminuendo* _____
7. *forte* _____
8. *pianissimo* _____

- A. *pp* _____
- B. *dim.* _____
- C. *ff* _____
- D. *mf* _____
- E. *f* _____
- F. *p* _____
- G. *mp* _____
- H. *cresc.* _____

B. Put the signs in order, softest first

1. *p mp pp f mf ff* softest _____ loudest

2. *pp ff f mp* softest _____ loudest

C. Circle the louder sign

1. *mp* or *mf* _____

2. *mf* or *ff* _____

3. *mf* or *p* _____

4. *f* or *ff* _____

5. *ff* or *p* _____

6. *f* or *p* _____

D. Does it get louder or softer?

1. *dim.* ☐ louder ☐ softer

2.  ☐ louder ☐ softer

3.  ☐ louder ☐ softer

4. *cresc.* ☐ louder ☐ softer

E. Write the sign for the English meaning of the Italian word

1. "very gentle" _____

2. "gentle" _____

3. "very strong" _____

4. "half-strong" _____

5. "half-gentle" _____

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A. Match

1. *fortissimo* → C (*ff*)
2. *crescendo* → H (*cresc.*)
3. *mezzo forte* → D (*mf*)
4. *piano* → F (*p*)
5. *mezzo piano* → G (*mp*)
6. *diminuendo* → B (*dim.*)
7. *forte* → E (*f*)
8. *pianissimo* → A (*pp*)

B. Order

1. *pp* < *p* < *mp* < *mf* < *f* < *ff*
2. *pp* < *mp* < *f* < *ff*

C. Louder

1. *mp* or *mf* → *mf*
2. *mf* or *ff* → *ff*
3. *mf* or *p* → *mf*
4. *f* or *ff* → *ff*
5. *ff* or *p* → *ff*
6. *f* or *p* → *f*

Order of the six levels, softest to loudest: **pp < p < mp < mf < f < ff**. A crescendo (*cresc.*, an opening hairpin) means gradually louder; a diminuendo (*dim.*, a closing hairpin) means gradually softer.

D. Louder or softer?

1. *dim.* → *Softer*
2. opening hairpin → *Louder*
3. closing hairpin → *Softer*
4. *cresc.* → *Louder*

E. Write the sign

1. “very gentle” → *pp*
2. “gentle” → *p*
3. “very strong” → *ff*
4. “half-strong” → *mf*
5. “half-gentle” → *mp*

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