

Dynamics worksheet

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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

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| 1. <i>mp</i> or <i>mf</i> _____ | 2. <i>mf</i> or <i>ff</i> _____ | 3. <i>mf</i> or <i>p</i> _____ |
| 4. <i>f</i> or <i>ff</i> _____ | 5. <i>ff</i> or <i>p</i> _____ | 6. <i>f</i> or <i>p</i> _____ |

D. Does it get louder or softer?

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| 1. <i>dim.</i> ☐ louder ☐ softer _____ | 2. ☐ louder ☐ softer _____ | 3. ☐ louder ☐ softer _____ |
| 4. <i>cresc.</i> ☐ louder ☐ softer _____ | | |

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

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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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