

DYNAMICS

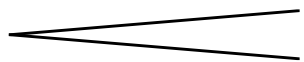
Dynamics are the measure of loudness in music. This is usually indicated by the abbreviations of Italian terms.

<i>ff</i>	fortissimo	very loud
<i>f</i>	forte	loud
<i>mf</i>	mezzo forte	medium loud
<i>mp</i>	mezzo piano	medium soft
<i>p</i>	piano	soft
<i>pp</i>	pianissimo	very soft

There are also Italian terms for changing dynamics:

<i>cresc.</i>	crescendo	gradually get louder
<i>decr.</i>	decrescendo	gradually get softer
(or) <i>dim.</i>	diminuendo	gradually get softer

Changes in dynamics are also shown by these symbols:



gradually get louder



gradually get softer