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## Dynamics & Articulation

The symbols for dynamics in a piece of music tell you how loudly or softly to play. The symbols for articulation tell you how to add drama and expressiveness to your playing. Composers include these symbols in their music notation. Once you learn what they mean, you can interpret what you're reading and make your performance sound musical.

Draw lines between the 3 columns below to connect the musical symbols with their term names and definitions. (Lines may criss-cross.)

SYMBOL	MUSICAL TERM	DEFINITION
	pianissimo	gradually getting softer
	diminuendo	medium loud
<i>pp</i>	fortissimo	held for a pause
<i>mf</i>	mezzo piano	gradually getting louder
<i>f</i>	fermata	very loud
<i>ff</i>	legato	played sharply, quickly
	crescendo	sudden strong emphasis
	sforzando	very soft
<i>sfz</i>	piano	soft
<i>mp</i>	staccato	loud
	mezzo forte	played smoothly
<i>p</i>	forte	medium soft