

MUSIC ALIVE!

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WORKSHEET

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Music Teacher: _____



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

pp

fortissimo

held for a pause

mf

mezzo piano

gradually getting louder

f

fermata

very loud

ff

legato

played sharply, quickly



crescendo

sudden strong emphasis



sforzando

very soft

sfz

piano

soft

mp

staccato

loud



mezzo forte

played smoothly

p

forte

medium soft