

# Music Dynamics Prompt Cards



*pp*

**pianissimo**

Play very softly.



*p*

**piano**

Play softly.



*mp*

**mezzo-piano**

Play moderately soft.



*mf*

**mezzo-forte**

Play moderately loud.



*f*

**forte**

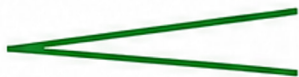
Play loudly.



*ff*

**fortissimo**

Play very loudly.



**crescendo**

Gradually get louder.



**diminuendo**

Gradually get softer.



**decrescendo**

Swell and fade.



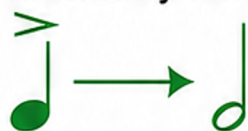
**sforzando**  
(sfz)

Play with a sudden strong accent.



**subito**  
*p*

Suddenly soft.



**subito**  
*f*

Suddenly loud.

