

Musical Dynamics Terms

These are essential terms for teaching classical technique, as they describe the precise volume or intensity required by the composer.

Term (Italian)	Abbreviation	Meaning
Forte	<i>f</i>	Loud, strong
Piano	<i>p</i>	Soft, quiet
Mezzo Forte	<i>mf</i>	Moderately loud
Mezzo Piano	<i>mp</i>	Moderately quiet
Fortissimo	<i>ff</i>	Very loud
Pianissimo	<i>pp</i>	Very quiet
Forte-Fortissimo	<i>fff</i>	Extremely loud
Piano-Pianissimo	<i>ppp</i>	Extremely quiet