

*mf*      mezzo forte    =    medium loud (pronounced "MET-soh FOR-tay")

*f*        forte                =    loud ("FOR-tay")

*ff*        fortissimo        =    very loud ("for-TISS-im-oh")

*fff*       fortisissimo     =    very, very loud ("FOR-tiss-SISS-im-oh")

*ffff*      and so on...

*mp*       mezzo piano     =    medium quiet ("MET-soh PYAN-oh")

*p*        piano              =    quiet ("PYAN-oh")

*pp*       pianissimo       =    very quiet ("PEE-an-ISS-im-oh")

*ppp*      pianississimo   =    very, very quiet ("PEE-an-iss-ISS-im-oh")

*pppp*     and so on...

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