

*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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