

# Understanding Musical Dynamics

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## Review of How Volume Tells a Story in Music

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about dynamics in music.

1. What does the marking 'pp' stand for?

- A. Piano
- B. Pianissimo
- C. Piano forte

2. Loud sounds in music can express \_\_\_\_ or importance.

3. How can changing volumes create drama in music? Give an example.

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4. Which of these best describes soft sounds in music?

- A. They can mean something is secret or gentle
- B. They are always boring
- C. They must be played very fast

5. Match each dynamic marking to its meaning.

p

soft

f

loud

6. Psalm 100:1 encourages us to make a \_\_\_\_ noise to Yahweh.

7. Why is it important to use dynamics when singing or playing music?

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8. What can whispering in a story convey?

- A. Excitement
- B. Importance
- C. Secrets

9. Dynamics help communicate \_\_\_\_ and meaning in music.

10. How would you sing Psalm 100:1 to show true joy?

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### Answer Key

1. Pianissimo 2. excitement 3. Changing volumes can make music exciting. For example, a loud part can surprise us. 4. They can mean something is secret or gentle 5. 0 6. joyful 7. Using dynamics helps express feelings and makes the music more interesting. 8. Secrets 9. emotion 10. I would sing it loudly and with a happy voice to show joy.