

Expression Marks Detective Review

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Understanding Musical Expression in Worship

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about musical expression markings.

1. What does the expression mark 'piano (p)' mean?

- A. Play loudly
- B. Play quietly
- C. Play with energy

2. List three different musical expression markings that you learned about.

3. A crescendo means to play gradually louder.

- True False

4. Expression marks help musicians understand the composer's intended ____ interpretation.

5. What does 'forte (f)' instruct musicians to do?

- A. Play softly
- B. Play with energy
- C. Play gradually softer

6. How do expression marks change the feeling of a song? Give an example.

7. Phrasing in music refers to how notes are grouped and expressed.

- True False

8. The expression mark 'decrescendo' means to play ____ softer.

9. Which instrument is NOT mentioned in Psalm 150 for praising God?

- A. Trumpet
- B. Flute
- C. Tambourine

10. Why is it important for musicians to pay attention to expression markings?

Answer Key

1. Play quietly 2. Piano (p), Forte (f), Crescendo. 3. True 4. emotional 5. Play with energy 6. They change the dynamics, like making a song feel more exciting when played loudly. For example, a crescendo can build excitement. 7. True 8. gradually 9. Flute 10. It helps them perform the music as the composer intended and conveys the right emotions to the audience.