

# 5th Grade Music Review: Expressive Playing

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## Understanding Musical Dynamics and Articulation

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

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

1. What are dynamics in music?

- A. The speed of the music
- B. The loudness or softness of the music
- C. The types of instruments used

2. Articulation changes how notes are played, making them \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ in style.

3. Why is it important to apply expressive techniques when making music?

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4. Phrasing in music helps to tell a musical story.

- True       False

5. According to Psalm 33:3, how should we play music for God?

- A. Skillfully with a loud noise of joy
- B. Softly and quietly
- C. Only with string instruments

6. Using different \_\_\_ in your music can express different emotions.

7. How can playing your instrument be a way to praise God?

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8. Articulation has no effect on how music sounds.

- True       False

9. What does it mean to play music with 'articulation'?

- A. Playing notes without stopping
- B. Changing the style of how notes are played
- C. Playing all notes at the same volume

10. Explain how different dynamics might change the feeling of a piece of music.

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### Answer Key

1. The loudness or softness of the music 2. smooth, short 3. Applying expressive techniques makes music more meaningful and connects with the audience's emotions. 4. True 5. Skillfully with a loud noise of joy 6. dynamics 7. Playing my instrument can be a way to praise God by expressing joy and gratitude through music, making it an act of worship. 8. False 9. Changing the style of how notes are played 10. Different dynamics can create feelings of excitement, calm, or sadness depending on how loud or soft the music is played. For example, soft music can feel gentle and soothing, while loud music can feel powerful and energetic.