

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

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

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

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

ffff and so on

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

p **piano** = soft (PYAN-oh)

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

ppp **pianississimo** = very, very soft ("PEE-an-iss-SISS-im-oh")

pppp and so on