

DYNAMIC SYMBOLS

Dynamic symbols tell the player to play loud or soft. There are two basic families of dynamics:

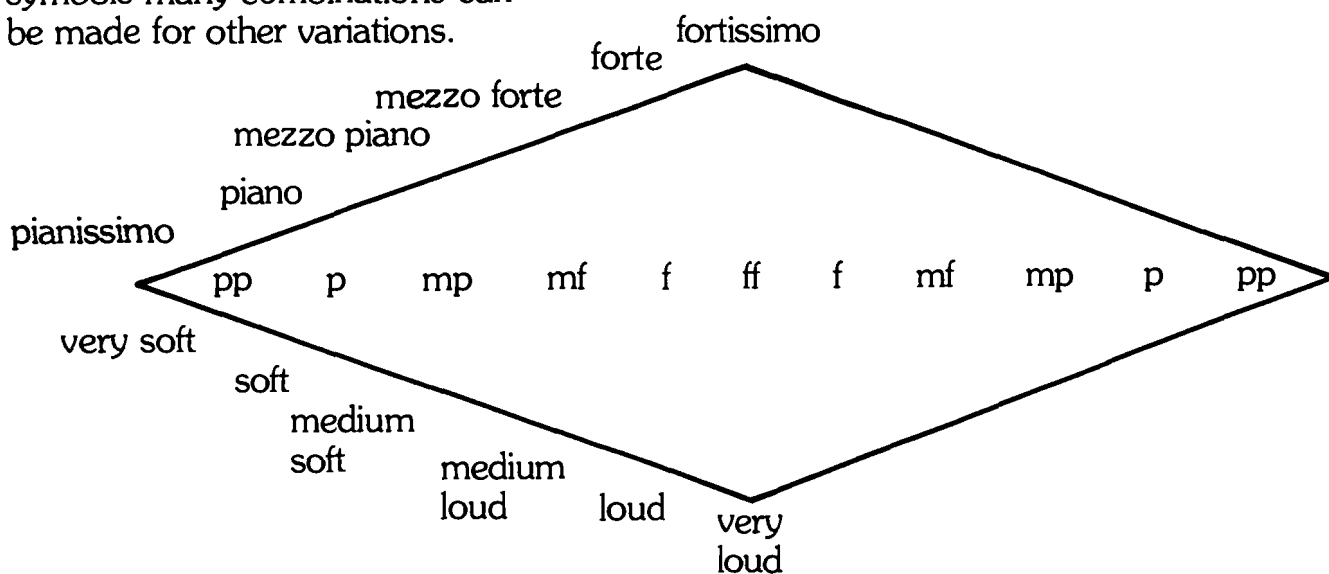
***f* = loud**
***p* = soft**

From these two basic dynamic symbols many combinations can be made for other variations.

Strategy:

1. Look carefully at the chart of dynamics below.
2. Answer the questions below.

DYNAMIC SYMBOLS CHART



CIRCLE the correct sign:

1. loud = mf p f mp
2. mezzo forte = p f mp mf
3. very loud = f ff mp pp
4. piano = f p mf pp
5. very soft = mp f ff pp
6. soft = pp mf ff p
7. forte = p f mp pp
8. mezzo = f p ff m
9. fortissimo = mp f pp ff
10. medium soft = f p mp pp

CHECK-UP:

1. Dynamic symbols tell the player or singer how _____ or _____ to play or sing.
2. The two letters for the basic dynamic families are: _____ and _____.
3. Forte means to play or sing _____.

Use the words "louder" or "softer" to answer the following questions:

4. Piano is _____ than forte.
5. pp is _____ than piano.
6. mp is _____ than mezzo forte.
7. ff is _____ than forte.