

Dynamics

Dynamics in music refers to volume. We usually use Italian words or abbreviations of them.

ff very loud fortissimo

f loud forte

mf average volume mezzo forte

mp fairly quiet mezzo piano

p quiet piano

pp very quiet pianissimo

 get louder

crescendo
cresc.

 go quieter

diminuendo
dim.



a dot over the top of a note or underneath makes the note half length; in other words much shorter

staccato