

Cello Standards: Dynamics

ppp - _____

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cresc. - _____

dim. - _____

al niente - _____

calando - _____

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leno - _____

morendo - _____

perdendo/perdendosi - _____

sotto voce - _____

sordino - _____

smorzando - _____

subito - _____

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ppp - *pianississimo* - very, very gentle, soft - less than a whisper

pp - *pianissimo* - very gentle, soft - at a whisper volume

p - *piano* - gentle, soft - almost at a whisper

mp - *mezzo piano* - (mezzo) half/middle/medium (piano) gentle/soft - softer than speaking voice

mf - *mezzo forte* - (mezzo) half/middle/medium (forte) strong/loud - speaking voice

f - *forte* - strong, loud - louder than speaking

ff - *fortissimo* - very strong/loud - shouting, yelling

fff - *fortississimo* - very, very strong/loud - louder than shouting, yelling

fp - *fortepiano* - loud/strong then immediately quiet/soft

sf - *subito forte* - suddenly strong, staying within the general dynamic indicated previously

rf - *rinforzando* - reinforced, but not as much as the accent, a leaning on but not harshly

fz - *forzando* - the sharp accenting of a note or group of notes

sfz - *sforzando* - sudden strong accent, with great force of a percussive nature

cresc. - *crescendo* - growing, increasing, swelling, gradually becoming louder

dim. - *diminuendo/ decrescendo* - diminishing, decreasing, shrinking, gradually becoming softer

al niente - (fade) to nothing

calando - becoming less, becoming slower and softer, fading away

calmando - becoming calmer

leno - faint, gentle, quiet

morendo - slowly dying away, slow ritardando and a diminuendo with an extreme fade

perdendo/perdendosi - losing (itself/oneself) - gradually diminishing in volume, tempo, and tone

sotto voce - in a low voice (whisper)

sordino - use a mute (whispered)

smorzando - growing fainter, smoldering, becoming muffled, dulling

subito - suddenly, immediately, at once