

Dynamics (loud + soft)

ff = fortissimo (very loud)


f = forte (Loud)


mf = mezzo forte (medium loud)

mp = mezzo piano (medium soft)

p = piano (quiet)

pp = pianissimo (very quiet)

 = crescendo
(gradually get louder)

 = decrescendo
(gradually get softer)

 = staccato (play the note short)

 = accent (strong; emphasized)