A Bass Staff Review

Your Assignment

The letters in each measure spell a word. Draw in the correct notes above each letter. If there are two choices, either answer will work! Don’t forget to add stems if you color in the note heads! For an extra challenge, time yourself ... but don’t forget to check your work!

examples:

1. B A D G E  
2. F A C E

1. A G E  
2. F E D  
3. B E G

4. A D A  
5. C A B  
6. C A F E
Music has different **levels of loudness** depending on the music’s feeling or mood. For example, a song called “Cradle Song” would be sung softly while “Yankee Doodle” would be sung much louder. The composer usually indicated how loud or soft a song should be played or sung by using **DYNAMIC MARKINGS**. Song signs, along with their matching Italian names, are listed here in order from “as soft as possible” to “as loud as possible”.

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<th>ITALIAN WORD</th>
<th>SIGN</th>
<th>ENGLISH MEANING</th>
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<td>pianississimo</td>
<td>pppp</td>
<td>as soft as possible</td>
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<td>pp</td>
<td>very soft</td>
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<td>piano</td>
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<td>soft</td>
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<td>mezzo piano</td>
<td>mp</td>
<td>moderately (medium) soft</td>
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<td>mezzo</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>medium, the middle, half</td>
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<td>mezzo forte</td>
<td>mf</td>
<td>moderately (medium) loud</td>
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<td>forte</td>
<td>f</td>
<td>loud</td>
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<td>fortissimo</td>
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<td>sforzando</td>
<td>sf</td>
<td>forced, accented</td>
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**YOUR ASSIGNMENT:**

1. If a note is to have a **forced** or **accented** sound, you would play ________________.

2. **Pianississimo** means to play ____________________________.

3. Match the Italian term to its English meaning. **Write the correct letter in each blank.**

   _____ soft
   _____ moderately soft
   _____ very soft
   _____ very loud
   _____ moderately loud
   _____ medium, the middle, half
   _____ loud

   a. pianissimo
   b. piano
   c. mezzo piano
   d. mezzo
   e. mezzo forte
   f. forte
   g. fortissimo