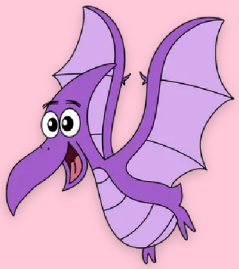
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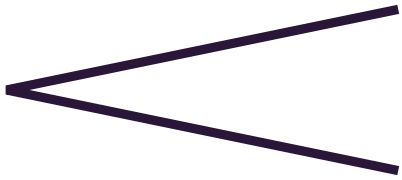
Getting Louder, Getting Softer

A crescendo gets louder little by little. A decrescendo gets softer. Circle the right word for each one.



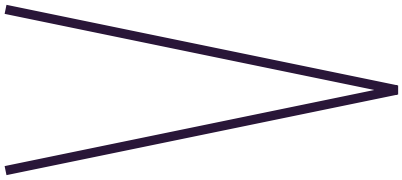
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What does each sign tell you to do? Write "get louder" or "get softer".



crescendo: the sign opens up

_____



decrescendo: the sign closes

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Crescendo or decrescendo? Circle the one that fits.

A train comes closer and closer.	crescendo	decrescendo
A parade marches away down the street.	crescendo	decrescendo
A few raindrops turn into a storm.	crescendo	decrescendo
An echo fades away in a cave.	crescendo	decrescendo
A crowd starts to cheer as the runner nears the finish line.	crescendo	decrescendo
A music box slowly winds down.	crescendo	decrescendo

Draw each sign.

crescendo

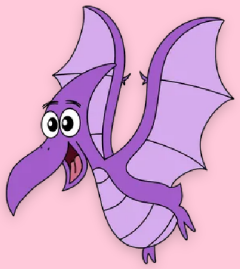
decrescendo

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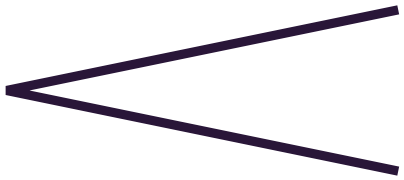
ANSWER KEY · DYNAMICS AND TEMPO · GRADES 2–4

Answer Key: Getting Louder, Getting Softer

Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write or draw their own ideas, the key shows one example.

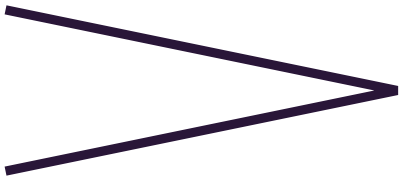


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