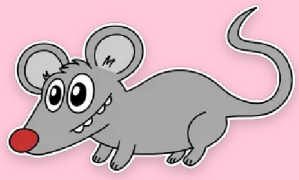
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Soft or Loud? Dynamics Match



Dynamics tell you how loud or soft to play. Draw a line from each sign to what it means.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

The signs come from Italian words. **p** is for piano, which means soft. **f** is for forte, which means loud. **m** is for mezzo, which means medium.

p	●	● medium loud
mp	●	● soft
mf	●	● loud
f	●	● medium soft

Soft or loud? Circle the dynamic that fits best.

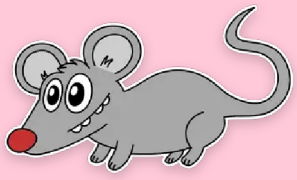
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A lion roaring	p (soft)	f (loud)
Thunder booming in a storm	p (soft)	f (loud)

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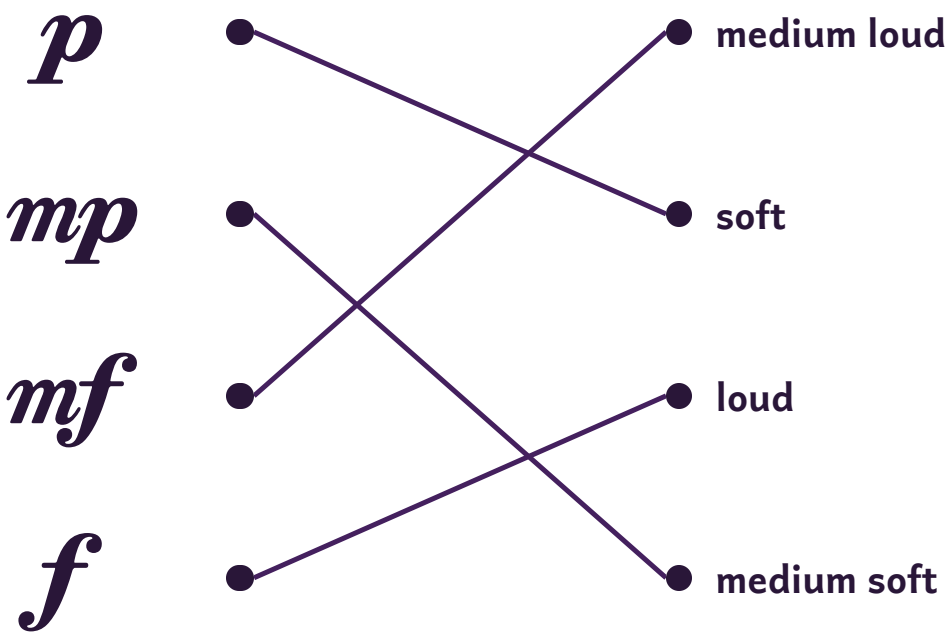
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Answer Key: Soft or Loud? Dynamics Match

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



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