

DYNAMIC PETS

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Extension Activity

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Students learn dynamics via:

- ✓ Movement
- ✓ Hide and seek game
- ✓ Interactive audio
- ✓ Conducting activities
- ✓ Printable flashcards

Students are introduced to piano and forte with interactive audio



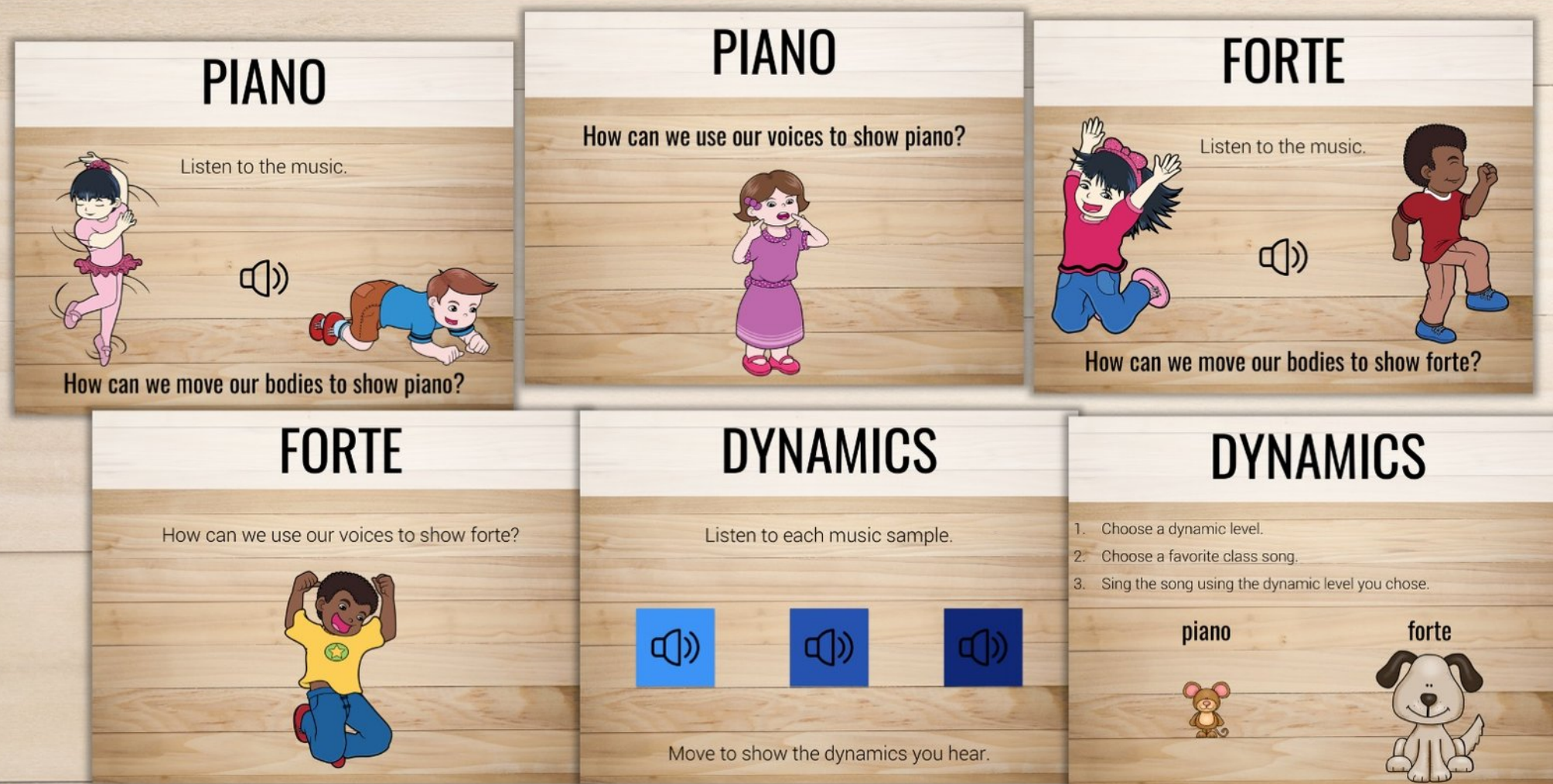
Teaching dynamics to my kinder and first graders and the visuals are so helpful when trying to get little ones to remember dynamic levels! Plus, they loved playing Forte's Friend :)

– Claire S.



Encourage students to show the difference between piano and forte by using their voices to imitate other animal sounds

Students use lots of body movement and their voices to show dynamics



These were such a successful addition to lessons about forte and piano! My younger grades really enjoyed the activities and I felt they were perfectly done to work as a lesson or an extension activity!

— Elizabeth C.



If you have limited space,
students **can use puppets or**
stuffed animals to show their
movements

Students practice dynamics through conducting

CONDUCTOR

1. Choose someone to be the conductor.
2. Listen to a piece of music.
3. The conductor will point to the dynamics they hear.
4. Use your bodies to show the dynamics.

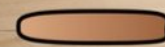


piano

forte

CONDUCTOR

1. Choose a song to sing.
2. The conductor will choose the dynamics. Watch out, the conductor may change the dynamics several times!



piano

forte



This was absolutely fantastic. Thank you for the material. I especially love the conductor portion. It is a great idea and has the students actively making dynamic changes as well as putting a student in a leadership type role. Thanks!

– Magan C.



Use a dinosaur stick or other fun pointer as conducting batons for your students

Play the Dynamic Dog Game with Forte

DYNAMIC DOG GAME

1. Choose someone to be Forte's friend.
2. Forte's friend should hide their eyes.
3. Choose another person to hide Forte somewhere in the room.
 - make sure that everyone is watching to see where Forte is hidden (except Forte's friend).
4. Forte's friend has to find Forte by listening to the dynamics of the class.

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DYNAMIC DOG GAME

- The class will choose a song to sing. If Forte's Friend is far away from Forte, the class should sing piano. If Forte's Friend is close, the class should sing forte!
- Keep playing until everyone has had a turn to either be Forte's friend or to hide Forte.



Great addition to my dynamics unit. I even bought a stuffed animal "Forte" to use for the game.

– Stephanie M.



Play some instrumental music while the chosen student is hiding the dog, that way the other students won't hear any clues about where it's hidden

Extend the lesson with mezzo piano and mezzo forte

MEZZO PIANO

means moderately soft, like the soft meow of a cat.



What other animals make moderately soft sounds?

MEZZO FORTE

means moderately loud, like the snort of a pig.



What other animals make moderately soft sounds?

DYNAMICS

Describe each dynamic you hear below.



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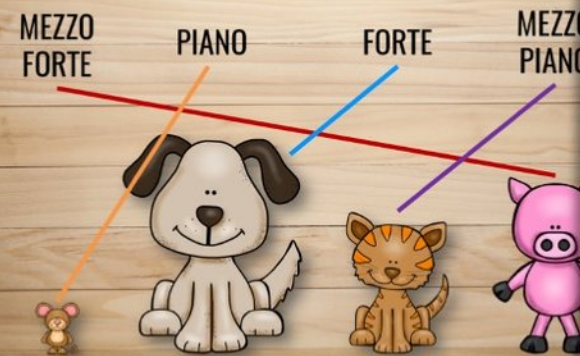
Can you match each dynamic term with the correct dynamic pet below?

MEZZO FORTE PIANO FORTE MEZZO PIANO



DYNAMICS

Did you match them correctly?



DYNAMICS

Listen to each sample of music. Then, match it with the correct dynamic.

PIANO MEZZO PIANO MEZZO FORTE FORTE



DYNAMICS

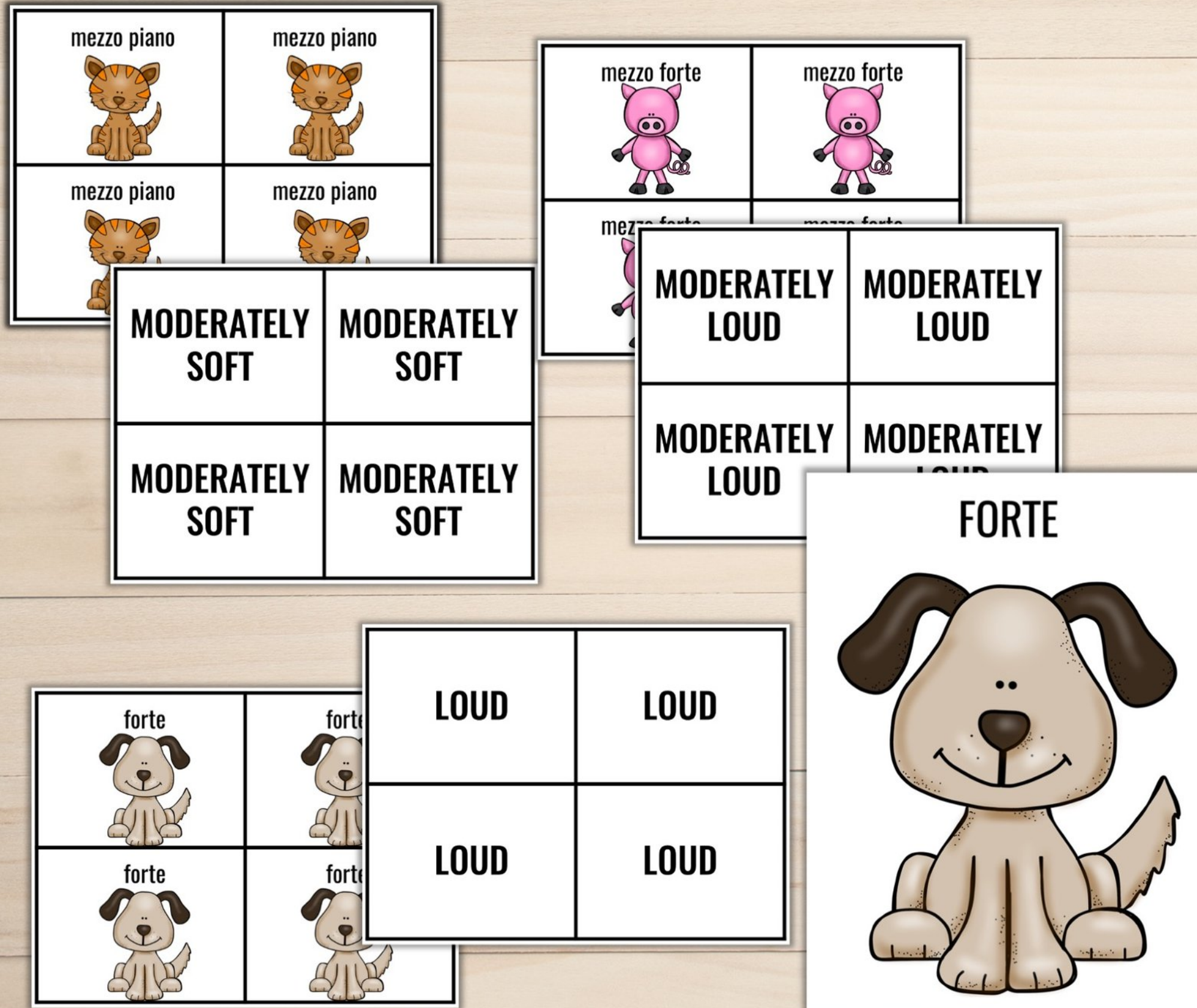
Did you match them correctly?

PIANO MEZZO PIANO MEZZO FORTE FORTE



Have volunteers press the icons for the interactive audio and to answer the questions

Printable flashcards for quick review & assessment



If you don't have a stuffed dog, print and laminate the Forte (included in your download), then add double-sided tape to its back so that students can stick it anywhere for hiding

sempre legato.

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crescendo & decrescendo



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Love the connection to animals, and so did my students! We also really enjoyed the game. Thanks!

– Alison V.



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