

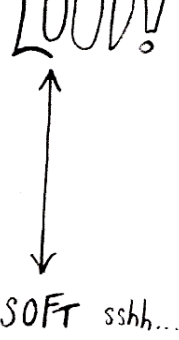
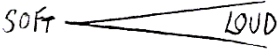
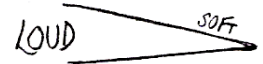
Dynamics

Why are they important?

As drummers, dynamics are one of the most important and useful methods we have to express ourselves on our instrument. And one thing that distinguishes an average drummer from a stellar drummer is their command of dynamics. With the ability to get louder or softer as the music calls for it, we can impart a sense of excitement and drama into any song or piece of music.

Most musical instruments have 3 methods of expression - rhythm, dynamics, and melody. Drummers only have 2 - rhythm and dynamics. Therefore, it is even more important, especially for drummers, to have control over their dynamics.

Dynamic Markings

fff	fortississimo	Extremely Loud	
24" ff	fortissimo	Very Loud	
12" f	forte	Loud	
4-6" mf	mezzo forte	Moderately Loud	
2-4" mp	mezzo piano	Moderately Soft	
1-2" p	piano	Soft	
1/2" pp	pianissimo	Very Soft	
1/4" ppp	pianississimo	Extremely Soft	
SOFT  LOUD	crescendo	Get Gradually Louder	
LOUD  SOFT	decrescendo	Get Gradually Softer	