

**Outdoor Music Scavenger Hunt**  
**Dynamics - Forte and Piano**  
**Grades Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Anchor Standard 6:** I can analyze music.

**GM.R NL.6.1:** I can identify dynamics and steady beat.

**MINI LESSON:**

In music, we use dynamics to describe the volume of music. Forte and piano are two dynamics we use in music. Forte means **LOUD**, Piano means quiet.

Think of some things that are **LOUD**: Train horns, vacuums, rock concerts. Can you name any? **LOUD** sounds are called forte in music.

Think of some things that are quiet: Ocean waves, a kitten purring, whispering. Can you name any? Quiet sounds are called piano in music.

Here is a video about forte and piano:

Forte Piano - MusicK8.com

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUYEvCly8Fo>

In this activity, you will find things outside from the list below. After you have found your items, you will put them in a container (tupperware/box) and find out if they make forte or piano sounds.

**What you need:**

- Plastic tupperware or box with lid
- Worksheet
- Pencil
- 2 “mallets” (sticks, spoons, anything that resembles drum sticks)

Find 5 or more of the objects below:

- Blades of grass
- Dirt
- Rocks
- Sand
- Leaves
- Sticks
- Clovers
- Acorn

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. On the worksheet, write or draw the items you found.
2. Put a handful of each item in your container.
3. Shake your container. Then use your mallets and hit it like a drum.
4. Answer the questions on your worksheet.

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<b>List of Items</b>	<b>Shake the items in your container. Was it forte or piano?</b>	<b>Hit the container with your mallets. Was it forte or piano?</b>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		