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**pi-an-o**<sup>1</sup> (pe-an ò, pyan ò)

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n.pl. **pi-an-os**

A musical instrument with a manual keyboard actuating hammers that strike wire strings, producing sounds that may be softened or sustained by means of pedals.

[Italian, short for *pianoforte*; see **PIANOFORTE**.]



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**piano**<sup>1</sup>

top: upright piano

bottom: grand piano



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**piano**<sup>1</sup>

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**pi-a-no**<sup>2</sup> (pē-ä nō, pyä -) Music

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adv. & adj. Abbr. **p**

In a soft or quiet tone. Used chiefly as a direction.

n. pl. **pi-a-nos**

A passage to be played softly or quietly.

[Italian, from Late Latin *plānus*, smooth, graceful, from Latin, flat; see **pelō**<sup>-2</sup> in the **Appendix of Indo-European roots**.]

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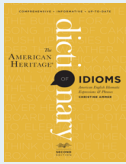
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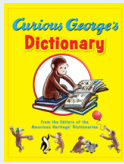
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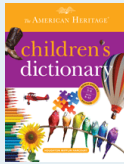
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