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pi-an-o¹ (pe-an ō, pyan ō)

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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piano¹

top: upright piano

bottom: grand piano



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piano¹

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pi-a-no² (pē-ä nō, pyä -) Music

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 **pelə**-² in the **Appendix of Indo-European roots**.]

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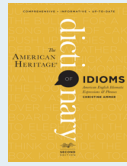
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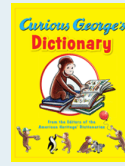
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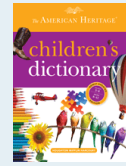
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