

**crescendo**

[krɪˈfendʒəv] *n* (*pl* -os [-{krɪˈfendʒəvz}])

1. муз. крещендо
2. нарастание; пик, верх

the demands for an election rose to a crescendo - требования о проведении выборов всё нарастали/раздавались всё громче и громче/

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**cre·s·cen·do** [**cre·s·cen·do** **cre·s·cen·dos**] *BrE* [krəˈfendəʊ] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [krəˈfendou] <sup>ˈ</sup>

**noun** (*pl.* **cre·s·cen·dos**) **countable, uncountable**

1. (**music**) a gradual increase in how loudly a piece of music is played or sung

**Opp:** ↑diminuendo

2. a gradual increase in noise; the loudest point of a period of continuous noise

**Syn:** ↑swell

- Voices rose in a crescendo and drowned him out.
- There was a tremendous crescendo of noise.
- The shrieks of laughter **rose to a crescendo** .
- (**figurative**) The advertising campaign reached a crescendo just before Christmas.

Word Origin:

late 18th cent.: Italian, present participle of **crescere** 'to increase', from Latin **crescere** 'grow'.

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**cre·s·cen·do** /krəˈfendəʊ, krɪˈfendəʊ \$ -dou/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun** (*plural* **cre·s·cen·dos**)

[countable]

[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Language:** Italian; **Origin:** 'growing'; from Latin *crescendum*, from *crescere*; ⇨ ↑**crescent**]

1. if a sound or a piece of music rises to a crescendo, it gradually becomes louder until it is very loud **OPP** **diminuendo** :

- ˈ The shouting rose to a deafening crescendo.
- ˈ The curtains opened as the music reached a crescendo.

2. if an activity or feeling reaches a crescendo, it gradually becomes stronger until it is very strong **SYN** **climax** :

- ˈ The campaign reached its crescendo in the week of the election.

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