

Compose Your Own Musical Masterpiece

Learning objective: To understand the role of a composer and identify key elements of musical notation and performance.

Use this sheet to design a scene where a composer is working. Use the word bank to label your drawing and answer the questions to show what you know about music.

Draw: Draw a creative scene featuring Leo the lion as a composer. He is sitting at a large wooden desk in a grand concert hall. On his desk, draw a sheet of music with a stave and a treble clef. Surround him with musical instruments like a violin, a flute, and a grand piano. Use a bright, artistic style and make sure to include space to label your items using the word bank.



Label words: Stave · Treble clef · Quaver · Minim · Composer · Conductor's baton · Orchestra

Steps:

1. Explain in your own words: What is the main job of a composer?
2. Why does an orchestra need a conductor?
3. Label your drawing: Draw a musical note on your stave and label it as either a 'quaver' or a 'minim'.
4. If a composer wants the music to be very quiet, what Italian word might they write on the music sheet? (Hint: Think about dynamic markings).

5. List two instruments you would expect to see in an orchestra.