

Max's Musical Notation Challenge

Learning objective: To understand and identify standard musical notation, including stave lines, clefs, and note values.

Max the monkey has been busy studying his music sheets! Use your knowledge of rhythm and pitch to complete these notation puzzles. Read each question carefully before writing your answer.

Word bank: Treble clef · Stave · Minim · Crotchet · Quaver · Bar lines · Semibreve

1. Max is looking at a set of five horizontal lines where musical notes are placed. What is the name of this musical feature, and how many lines does it have? (2 marks)

2. A crotchet is worth 1 beat. If Max writes a rhythm consisting of two crotchets and one minim, how many beats will that bar have in total? (2 marks)

3. Explain the difference between a crotchet and a quaver in terms of their appearance on the stave. (2 marks)

4. If you see a symbol at the start of a piece of music that looks like a fancy 'G' shape, what is it called and what does it tell the musician? (2 marks)

5. Max wants to write a note that lasts for 4 beats. Which note value should he choose? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a treble clef on a five-line stave and place three crotchets on different lines or spaces to create your own short musical melody.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are composing a song for your friends. Write a rhythm sequence that lasts for 8 beats using a mix of crotchets, minims, and quavers. Remember to use bar lines to separate your beats into groups of four.