

Max's Musical Mystery Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and understand key musical elements including tempo, dynamics, pitch, and duration.

Max the monkey is putting together a musical performance! Help him solve these musical puzzles by answering the ten questions below.

Answer Key: 1. A (Tempo), 2. False, 3. Dynamics, 4. B (High), 5. True, 6. C (Legato), 7. Duration, 8. B (Crescendo), 9. True, 10. Staccato.

Word bank: Tempo · Dynamics · Pitch · Duration · Crescendo · Diminuendo · Staccato · Legato

1. 1. What is the musical term for the speed at which a piece of music is played? A) Tempo* B) Pitch C) Dynamics D) Rhythm (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: 'Dynamics' refers to how high or low a note sounds. (1 mark)

3. 3. If a musician is playing very loudly or very quietly, which musical element are they changing? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which word describes a note that sounds like a bird chirping? A) Low B) High* C) Deep D) Heavy (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A 'Crescendo' means the music is gradually getting louder. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which term describes music played in a smooth, connected style? A) Staccato B) Tempo C) Legato* D) Silence (1 mark)

7. 7. What word describes the length of time a musical sound lasts? (1 mark)

8. 8. What do we call it when music starts quiet and gets louder? A) Diminuendo B) Crescendo* C) Duration D) Beat (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: The 'beat' is the steady pulse that you can tap your foot to in a song. (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the word for short, detached, 'bouncy' notes? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey conducting an orchestra of woodland animals. Show 'loud' sounds as big, jagged shapes and 'quiet' sounds as small, soft bubbles in the air.



Extension challenge: Max wants to buy some new percussion instruments! If a tambourine costs £4.50 and a pair of shakers costs £2.75, how much will Max spend in total?