

Max's Musical Rhythm Challenge

Learning objective: To understand and identify rhythm, pulse, and note values in music.

Max the monkey is putting on a jungle concert! Help him keep the beat by answering these 10 rhythm questions. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. B (Pulse), 2. True, 3. Crotchet, 4. False (A minim is 2 beats), 5. A (Tempo), 6. Quaver, 7. True, 8. Bar, 9. 4 beats, 10. False (Rhythm is the pattern of long and short sounds).

Word bank: Pulse · Rhythm · Minim · Crotchet · Quaver · Tempo · Beat · Bar · Silence · Pattern

1. 1. What do we call the steady, repeating heart-beat of a piece of music? A) Melody B) Pulse* C) Volume D) Pitch (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Rhythm is the pattern of long and short sounds that happens over the steady pulse. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which note value is usually worth exactly one beat in 4/4 time? (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: A minim is worth 4 beats. (1 mark)

5. 5. What is the word for the speed of the music? A) Tempo* B) Rhythm C) Dynamics D) Texture (1 mark)

6. 6. Which note value is worth half of a crotchet beat? (1 mark)

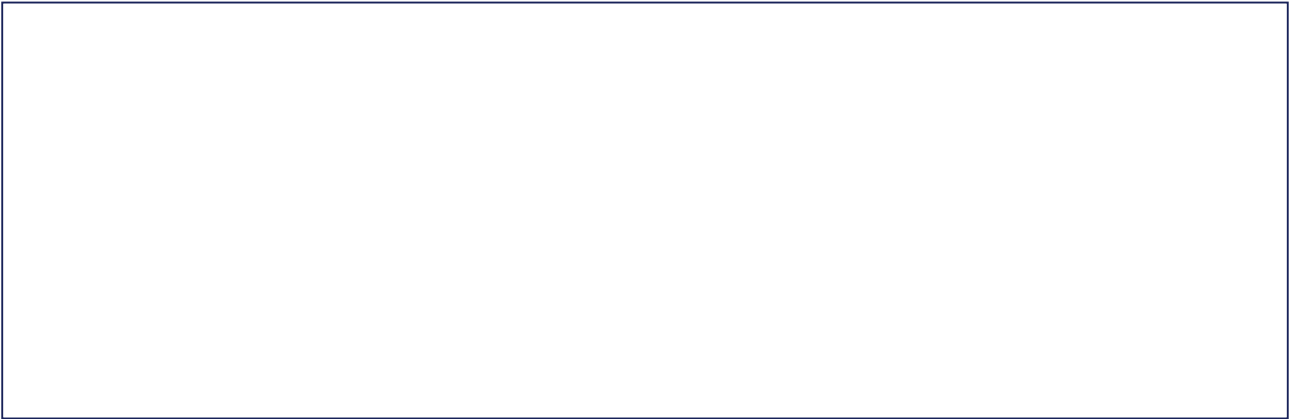
7. 7. True or False: A rest in music means you should play a very quiet sound. (1 mark)

8. 8. What do we call the lines that divide music into equal sections? (1 mark)

9. 9. If you are playing in 4/4 time, how many beats are there in each bar? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Rhythm and pulse are exactly the same thing. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a musical drum kit being played by Max the monkey. Around the drums, draw rhythmic symbols like crotchets and quavers floating in the air like musical bubbles.



Extension challenge: Create your own 4-beat rhythm pattern using crotchets, minims, and quavers. Write it out using symbols and then clap it out loud for a friend!