

Max's Musical Maestro Quiz

Learning objective: To identify famous composers and understand their contribution to the history of Western classical music.

Help Max the monkey solve these musical puzzles! Read the clues carefully and choose or write the correct answers to show off your knowledge of great composers.

Answer Key: 1. B (Mozart), 2. True, 3. False (He went deaf), 4. A (Handel), 5. Bach, 6. True, 7. C (Symphony), 8. False (A conductor uses a baton), 9. Wolfgang Amadeus, 10. B (Orchestra).

Word bank: Beethoven · Mozart · Orchestra · Symphony · Handel · Bach

1. Which child prodigy began writing music at the age of five? A) Beethoven B) Mozart* C) Handel D) Bach (1 mark)

2. True or False: A composer is someone who writes the music for others to play. (1 mark)

3. True or False: Beethoven composed some of his most famous music after he lost his hearing. (1 mark)

4. Who composed the famous piece called 'Water Music'? A) Handel* B) Mozart C) Bach D) Beethoven (1 mark)

5. Which composer was famous for playing the organ and writing many pieces for the church? (1 mark)

6. True or False: Musical notation is the system used to write down music so others can perform it. (1 mark)

7. What is a long musical composition for a full orchestra called? A) A solo B) A concerto C) A symphony* D) A choir (1 mark)

8. True or False: A composer uses a paintbrush to write their music. (1 mark)

9. What were the first and middle names of the composer whose surname was Mozart? (1 mark)

10. 10. A large group of musicians playing different instruments together is called an: A) Ensemble B) Orchestra* C) Opera D) Band (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a composer in their music room. Show them sitting at a desk with a quill pen, stacks of musical scores, and a piano nearby.



Extension challenge: Max has been given £15 to buy two music books. If one book costs £6.50, how much change will Max receive from his £15?