

Max the Monkey's Musical Masterpiece Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the core principles of music composition, including rhythm, structure, and notation.

Read each question carefully. Choose the best answer or write your response in the space provided. Join Max the Monkey as he turns musical patterns into a song!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Pitch, 4.B, 5.True, 6.A, 7.False, 8.Ostinato, 9.C, 10.B

Word bank: Rhythm · Tempo · Notation · Pitch · Structure · Ostinato

1. 1. Max wants to change how high or low a note sounds. What is he changing? A) Tempo B) Rhythm C) Pitch* D) Volume (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A 'tempo' refers to how fast or slow the music is played. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the word for the written symbols we use to record music on a staff? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these is a repeated musical pattern? A) A rest B) An ostinato* C) A scale D) A solo (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: In music, a 'rest' means you should play your instrument as loudly as possible. (1 mark)

6. 6. If Max wants his music to have a clear beginning, middle, and end, what is he planning? A) Structure* B) Dynamics C) Texture D) Silence (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Rhythm is the pattern of long and short sounds in music. (1 mark)

8. 8. What do we call the 'beat' or the 'pulse' that stays the same throughout a song? (1 mark)

9. 9. Which symbol tells a musician to play quietly? A) f B) mp C) p* D) > (1 mark)

10. 10. Max buys a new drum for £12.50. If he adds a triangle for £3.25, how much did he spend in total? A) £15.25 B) £15.75* C) £16.00 D) £14.75 (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a musical stave with five lines and create your own secret pattern of notes and rests for Max the Monkey to play.



Extension challenge: Compose your own 4-bar rhythm pattern using crotchets, minims, and quavers. Perform your rhythm to a partner and see if they can clap it back to you!