

Max's Musical Notation Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and understand basic musical notation symbols, including notes, rests, and the stave.

Max the monkey is putting together a musical puzzle! Read the questions carefully to help him arrange the notes correctly. Use the word bank if you get stuck.

Answer Key: 1. A (Stave), 2. False, 3. Crotchet, 4. B (Treble Clef), 5. True, 6. Quaver, 7. Bar line, 8. True, 9. Minim, 10. True.

Word bank: Stave · Treble Clef · Minim · Crotchet · Quaver · Rest · Bar line

1. 1. What is the name of the set of five horizontal lines where musical notes are written? A) Stave*, B) Ladder, C) Grid, D) Pattern (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A crotchet note lasts for four beats. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which note symbol looks like a solid black circle with a stem and is worth one beat? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which symbol appears at the start of a stave to show the pitch of the notes? A) Bass sign, B) Treble Clef*, C) Note marker, D) Rhythm key (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A rest tells a musician to be silent for a specific amount of time. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which note is half the length of a crotchet and has a 'flag' on its stem? (1 mark)

7. 7. What do we call the vertical line that divides music into equal sections? (1 mark)

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

9. 9. If a crotchet is one beat, what is the name of the note that looks like a hollow circle with a stem and lasts for two beats? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Musical notation is a way of writing down music so that others can perform it. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a music stave with five lines and place three different types of notes on it. Label them as either a crotchet or a minim.



Extension challenge: Max has £5.00. He wants to buy a manuscript notebook that costs £3.75. How much change would he receive? If he uses his change to buy a pencil for 80p, how much money does he have left?