

Max's Tempo Treasure Hunt

Learning objective: To understand and identify different musical tempos and their Italian terminology.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of musical speed. Read the front, guess the answer, then flip to check if you are correct!

What does the word 'Tempo' mean in music?

Tempo refers to the speed or pace at which a piece of music is played.

What do the letters 'BPM' stand for in music?

Beats Per Minute, which measures how fast the pulse of the music is.

Which Italian term describes a very slow, broad tempo?

Largo.

If a piece of music is played at an 'Adagio' tempo, how would you describe it?

Slow and leisurely.

Which tempo marking means to play at a 'walking pace'?

Andante.

If Max the monkey is playing music at a 'Moderato' tempo, is it fast or medium speed?

It is at a moderate, medium speed.

What does the Italian term 'Allegro' mean for a musician?

Fast, lively, and bright.

Which term describes a very fast, quick, and energetic tempo?

Presto.

What is the name of the mechanical or digital tool that keeps a steady beat for musicians?

A metronome.

If a piece of music starts at 60 BPM and speeds up to 120 BPM, what has happened to the tempo?

The tempo has increased (it has got faster).

True or False: Tempo is the same thing as the volume of the music.

False. Tempo is the speed, while volume is the dynamics.

Which Italian term would you use if you wanted the music to sound like a calm, steady walk?

Andante.