

Max's Tempo Treasure Map: The Speed of Sound

Get your toes tapping and your heart racing—let's explore the speed of music with Max the Monkey!

- **Tempo is the musical term for the speed of the beat. A slow, broad speed is called 'Largo', while a walking pace is known as 'Andante'.**
- **When the music needs to be fast and lively, musicians look for the word 'Allegro' on their sheet music.**
- **If a piece needs to be played very, very quickly, it is marked as 'Presto'.**
- **You can measure tempo by counting how many beats happen in one minute, which we call 'Beats Per Minute' or BPM.**
- **Changing the tempo can change how a song makes us feel; a slow tempo can feel calm, while a fast tempo can feel exciting and energetic.**

Did you know? Did you know that composers use a special tool called a metronome to keep their tempo steady? It makes a constant ticking sound, just like a heartbeat, to help musicians stay in time while they practise their pieces!

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