

Max's Musical Match-Up

Learning objective: To identify famous composers and understand the different periods and styles of music they created.

Max the monkey has been listening to different styles of music, but he has mixed up all his notes! Look at the descriptions of the musical eras and the composers below. Draw a line to connect each composer to the correct musical period, and then fill in the missing details using the word bank.

Word bank: Baroque · Classical · Romantic · 20th Century · Orchestra · Harpsichord · Piano · Synthesizer

1. Johann Sebastian Bach lived during the [blank] period and often composed music for the [blank]. (2 marks)

2. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was a child prodigy who wrote many pieces during the [blank] period, often featuring the [blank]. (2 marks)

3. Ludwig van Beethoven is famous for bridging the gap between the Classical and [blank] periods, writing powerful music for a full [blank]. (2 marks)

4. Explain why composers use different instruments for different eras of music. How does the sound change? (3 marks)

5. If you were writing a piece of music to describe your favorite animal, which instrument would you choose and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey playing a musical instrument of your choice. Think about what instrument might best represent his energetic personality!



Extension challenge: Research one modern composer or film score writer. Write three sentences about how their music is similar to or different from the classical composers we studied today.