

Max's Musical Composition Planner

Learning objective: To compose a short rhythmic and melodic sequence using musical notation and structural planning.

Max the monkey believes music is just like a math puzzle! Use this template to plan your own original piece of music. Think about the tempo, the instruments you would choose, and the rhythm you want to create. Fill in each section to build your musical masterpiece.

Word bank: Tempo · Rhythm · Beat · Melody · Percussion · Crescendo · Staccato · Legato · Pitch · Structure

1. The Musical Idea: Describe the mood or story of your composition. Is it fast and exciting, or slow and calm? (2 marks)

2. Rhythmic Patterns: Write down a 4-beat rhythm pattern using symbols or words (e.g., Crotchet, Quaver, Minim) to show how the notes will sound. (3 marks)

3. Instrument Choice: Which instruments would you choose to play your melody and why? Think about how they sound together. (2 marks)

4. Dynamics and Tempo: Choose a tempo (speed) and a dynamic (volume). How will these change during your piece to make it interesting? (2 marks)

5. Final Composition Structure: Outline the structure of your piece. For example, will you have an introduction, a main theme, and an ending? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Try to clap or tap out your rhythm pattern. Can you add a 'crescendo' where the music gets gradually louder?