

Max's Musical Dynamics Challenge

Learning objective: To understand and identify musical dynamics, including terms for volume and how they change.

Join Max the monkey as he investigates the volume of sounds in the jungle! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.B, 5.Crescendo, 6.False, 7.A, 8.Piano, 9.True, 10.Forte.

Word bank: Piano · Forte · Crescendo · Diminuendo · Dynamics · Volume · Mezzo

1. 1. What is the musical term for the volume of a sound? A) Tempo B) Pitch C) Dynamics* D) Rhythm (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: 'Forte' means to play loudly. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: 'Piano' means to play as fast as you can. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which term describes a gradual increase in volume? A) Diminuendo B) Crescendo* C) Forte D) Mezzo (1 mark)

5. 5. What do we call it when music gradually gets quieter? (One word answer) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Dynamics cannot change during a single piece of music. (1 mark)

7. 7. If you see 'mp' in music, it stands for Mezzo-Piano. What does this mean? A) Moderately quiet* B) Very loud C) Very fast D) Super quiet (1 mark)

8. 8. If a bird is chirping very softly, would you describe the sound as Forte or Piano? (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: A conductor uses their hands to help musicians know when to play louder or quieter. (1 mark)

10. 10. If you are playing a drum with a big, booming sound, are you playing Piano or Forte?
(1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey conducting an orchestra of jungle animals. Label the animals playing 'Forte' with big sound bubbles and the animals playing 'Piano' with small, delicate bubbles.



Extension challenge: Choose your favorite song and listen to it carefully. Can you write down three moments where the dynamics change? Describe if the music gets louder, quieter, or stays the same.