

Max’s Musical Notation Masterclass

Learning objective: To identify and understand key musical symbols and notation terms used to represent pitch, rhythm, and tempo.

Key Vocabulary

Use this word mat to help you decode musical scores. The terms are grouped by their function in music. Read the definitions carefully to help you complete the challenges.

Staff The set of five horizontal lines and four...	Treble Clef A symbol at the beginning of a s...	Bar Line A vertical line that divides the stave ...
Time Signature Two numbers at the start of...	Semibreve A note that lasts for four beats.	Minim A note that lasts for two beats.
Crotchet A note that lasts for one beat.	Quaver A note that lasts for half a beat.	Rest A symbol used to show a period of sile...
Pitch How high or low a musical note sounds.	Tempo The speed at which a piece of music ...	Dynamics The volume of the music, ranging ...
Staccato A style of playing notes in a short, ...	Legato A style of playing notes in a smooth, ...	Score The complete written version of a mus...
Explain why a c...	Compare and con...	If a bar has a time...
What might happ...	If you were comp...	Justify why it is i...