

Max’s Musical Pitch Discovery Mat

Learning objective: To identify, define, and apply musical vocabulary related to pitch, exploring how sounds vary from high to low.

Key Vocabulary

Max the monkey is tuning his jungle orchestra! Use this vocabulary mat to help you understand how pitch works. Terms are grouped by how we describe, create, and measure musical sounds.

Pitch How high or low a musical note sounds.	High A sound produced by fast vibrations, li...	Low A sound produced by slower vibrations, ..
Interval The distance in pitch between two di...	Melody A sequence of notes that are played...	Scale A set of notes ordered by pitch, like st...
Octave The distance between one note and ...	Ascending A musical phrase where the pitch...	Descending A musical phrase where the pit...
Frequency A scientific measurement of how ...	Vibration The quick back-and-forth moveme...	Staccato Playing notes in a short, detached,...
Legato Playing notes in a smooth, connecte...	Tuning Adjusting an instrument so the pitch ...	Notation The written symbols used to show ...
Explain why a lo...	Compare and con...	Max wants to writ...
What might happ...	If a singer moves ...	Justify why 'Tuni...