

Max's Magnificent Rhythm Guide

Feel the beat, find the groove, and let your rhythm move!

- The pulse is the steady, underlying beat of a piece of music that stays the same throughout the song.
- Tempo describes how fast or slow the music is played; a quick tempo makes us want to dance, while a slow tempo feels calm.
- Rhythm is created by combining sounds of different durations, such as short notes and long notes, to form a pattern.
- A crotchet is a standard musical note that usually represents one beat, while a minim lasts for two beats.
- Syncopation occurs when the rhythm emphasises the 'off-beat' or the weaker parts of the bar, creating a bouncy, energetic feel.

Did you know? Did you know? Every piece of music has a 'heartbeat' called the pulse. Even when a song has no lyrics, the pulse stays steady, just like the rhythmic ticking of a clock or the thumping of your own heart after a run!

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