

Max's Musical Rhythm Patterns

Learning objective: To understand and represent musical rhythm patterns using standard notation symbols and visual patterns.

Use your knowledge of rhythm and time signatures to complete the musical scene below. Follow the drawing steps to show how different notes fit into a 4/4 bar.

Draw: Draw a music manuscript page featuring a five-line stave. On the stave, draw a series of musical notes including a semibreve, a minim, and a set of beamed quavers. The style should be clear and academic, suitable for a workbook. Include Max the monkey standing to the side with a conductor's baton, pointing at the rhythm, drawn in a friendly, cheerful cartoon style.



Label words: Semibreve · Minim · Crotchet · Quaver · Bar Line · Time Signature · Beat · Tempo

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a 4/4 time signature at the start of the musical stave. How many crotchet beats are there in one bar of 4/4 time?
2. Step 2: Draw a rhythm pattern in the first bar using four crotchets. Label each note with its name from the word bank.
3. Step 3: Draw a minim and two crotchets in the second bar. Explain why these add up to the same duration

as the first bar.

4. Step 4: Draw a vertical line between your two bars. What is the musical name for this line?

5. Step 5: Max the monkey wants to play this rhythm faster. Which word from the word bank describes the speed of the music?