

Max the Monkey's Musical Patterns

Learning objective: To create and record a simple musical composition using rhythm patterns.

Max the Monkey loves to turn rhythms into maths puzzles. Follow his steps to build your own short musical piece. Use the boxes to help you plan your ideas.

Word bank: Beat · Rhythm · Tempo · Compose · Pattern

1. A 'crotchet' is a note that lasts for 1 beat. If you have 4 beats in a bar, how many crotchets do you need? (1 mark)

2. Max wants a fast rhythm. What is the musical word for the speed of the music? (1 mark)

3. Create a 4-beat pattern using 'Clap' for a sound and 'Rest' for a silent beat. Write your pattern in the boxes below. (2 marks)

4. If you play your 4-beat pattern two times, how many beats is that in total? (1 mark)

5. Sentence starter: To compose my music, I chose these sounds because... (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a musical instrument you would use to play your rhythm pattern. Label the parts of the instrument.



Extension challenge: Try tapping your rhythm out loud. Can you make it sound faster (allegro) and then slower (adagio)?