

Music Assessment: Dynamics with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and understand how dynamics change the volume of music.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank if you need help. Max the Monkey needs your help to solve these musical puzzles!

Dynamics are the different levels of volume in music. A composer uses them to make music exciting. Sometimes the music is very soft and quiet. Other times, it is big and loud. A crescendo means the music gets louder, and a diminuendo means the music gets quieter.

Word bank: loud · quiet · crescendo · diminuendo · dynamics · volume

1. 1. What is the musical word for how loud or quiet a piece of music is? (2 marks)

2. 2. Max wants the music to start quiet and get louder. Which word should he use: crescendo or diminuendo? (2 marks)

3. 3. If a lion is roaring, would the dynamics be loud or quiet? Explain why. (4 marks)

4. 4. Draw a line to match the term to the meaning:

- Piano: []

- Forte: []

(Options: Loud, Quiet) (4 marks)

5. 5. Think of a piece of music that starts quiet and becomes loud. Describe how the music changes and how it makes you feel. (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a musical instrument. If the instrument is playing **LOUD**, draw big, jagged shapes around it. If it is playing **QUIET**, draw soft, small dots.



Extension challenge: Write a short story about Max the Monkey finding a magical drum. Describe how the dynamics change as he plays it. Total: /25