

Max's Musical Sound Explorer

Learning objective: To identify and describe the musical elements of pitch, tempo, dynamics, and texture.

Listen to a piece of music. Use this sheet to describe what you hear. Think about how the sounds change. Use the word bank to help you write your sentences.

Word bank: Pitch · Tempo · Dynamics · Texture · High · Low · Fast · Slow · Loud · Quiet · Layers · Instruments

1. Pitch: Are the notes mostly high like a bird or low like a rumble? Describe the pitch. (2 marks)

2. Tempo: Is the speed of the music fast or slow? How does the speed make you feel? (2 marks)

3. Dynamics: Does the music change from quiet to loud? Where is it the loudest? (2 marks)

4. Texture: Can you hear many instruments playing together or just one? Describe the layers. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: If you could add one more sound to this music, what would it be and why?