

Max's Musical Map: Reading Notation

Follow Max the Monkey as he turns musical sounds into a clever code!

- A stave is made of five horizontal lines. Music notes sit on these lines or in the spaces between them.
- The Treble Clef is the special symbol at the start of the stave. It tells us that the music is for higher-sounding notes.
- The shape of a note tells us how long to hold the sound. Some notes are short, and some are long.
- Bar lines are vertical lines that divide the stave into small groups. These groups help us keep a steady beat.
- Reading music is like reading a story. You read from the left side of the page to the right side.

Did you know? Did you know? Before musical notation was invented, musicians had to remember every single melody by heart! Using notes on a page is like having a map for your ears.

Key vocabulary: Stave · Treble Clef · Note · Rhythm · Beat