

Max's Rhythm Magic Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and understand basic musical rhythm, including beats and note lengths.

Hi! I am Max the monkey. I love maths and I love music! Use your rhythm skills to answer these 10 questions. If you get stuck, look at the word bank at the bottom.

Answer Key: 1. A (Beat), 2. True, 3. False, 4. B (Tempo), 5. Rhythm, 6. False, 7. C (Rest), 8. True, 9. Long, 10. Short.

Word bank: Beat · Rest · Pulse · Rhythm · Tempo · Slow · Fast · Long · Short

1. 1. What do we call the steady 'heartbeat' of a piece of music? A) Beat* B) Colour C) Jump D) Slide (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Rhythm is the pattern of long and short sounds. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: A 'Rest' in music means you should play as loud as you can. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the word for how fast or slow the music goes? A) Volume B) Tempo* C) Height D) Weight (1 mark)

5. 5. If I clap a pattern of sounds, am I clapping the beat or the rhythm? (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: All musical notes last for the exact same amount of time. (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the musical symbol for silence? A) Note B) Clef C) Rest* D) Bar (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: You can find rhythm in everyday things like walking or clapping. (1 mark)

9. 9. Does a 'minim' note usually sound long or short? (1 mark)

10. 10. Does a 'quaver' note usually sound long or short? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a set of drums and draw a pattern of symbols above them to show a rhythm you like.



Extension challenge: Try to tap a steady beat on your desk. Can you clap a different rhythm over the top of your steady beat?