

Max's Musical Rhythm Adventure

Learning objective: To understand and clap simple rhythms using crotchets, quavers, and rests.

Max the monkey is playing his drums. Look at the patterns below and follow the instructions to help him keep the beat. Use the word bank if you need help.

Word bank: Rhythm · Beat · Crotchet · Quaver · Rest · Pulse

1. A crotchet equals one beat. If Max hits his drum for 4 crotchets, how many beats does he play in total? (1 mark)

2. A quaver is half a beat. If Max plays two quavers, how many beats does that make altogether? (1 mark)

3. A rest means silence. Max plays a drum beat, then a rest, then a drum beat. How many drum hits did he play? (1 mark)

4. Complete this pattern to make 4 beats: [Crotchet] + [Crotchet] + [?] + [?] = 4 beats. (Hint: Two quavers make one beat). (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey playing his drums. Draw four musical notes above his drum to show the rhythm he is playing.



Extension challenge: Can you tap a steady pulse on your desk for 10 seconds? Ask a partner to clap a rhythm on top of your pulse.