

Max the Monkey's Guide to Rhythm

Feel the beat, tap your feet, and let the rhythm move you!

- **The pulse is the steady, underlying beat of a piece of music, much like the ticking of a clock.**
- **Tempo refers to the speed of the music; it can be fast like a racing cheetah or slow like a crawling tortoise.**
- **A crotchet represents one beat, while a minim lasts for two beats, creating a longer sound.**
- **Rhythmic patterns are created by grouping different note lengths together to make a melody exciting.**
- **Syncopation happens when we add emphasis to the weaker parts of the beat, making the music feel unexpected and fun.**

Did you know? Did you know? Rhythm is the pattern of regular or irregular pulses caused in music by the occurrence of strong and weak melodic and harmonic beats. Even your own heartbeat is a natural rhythm that keeps you going all day long!

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