

Max's Tempo Adventure

Learning objective: To understand and visually represent tempo (the speed of music) in Year 4 Music.

Max the monkey is listening to music! Help him show how the music feels by drawing what he hears. Follow the steps below to complete your musical scene.

Draw: Draw a large landscape scene. On the left, show a 'fast' area with sharp, jagged lines and a note with legs running. On the right, show a 'slow' area with soft, rounded, wavy lines and a note resting on a pillow. In the centre, draw Max the monkey with a big smile, showing his reaction to the two different speeds of music.



Label words: Fast · Slow · Tempo · Beat · Steady

Steps:

1. Step 1: On the left side of your page, draw a musical note that looks like it is running very quickly. Label this 'Fast'.
2. Step 2: On the right side of your page, draw a large musical note that looks sleepy and relaxed. Label this 'Slow'.
3. Step 3: Draw Max the monkey in the middle. Is he dancing to the fast music or the slow music? Write your answer here: Max is...
4. Step 4: Draw some zig-zag lines near the fast note and some wavy, soft lines near the slow note.