

Max's Tempo Investigation

Learning objective: To understand and describe tempo in music by identifying fast and slow rhythms.

Max the monkey is listening to music! Help him solve the mystery of the tempo. Listen to three different pieces of music. Fill in the boxes below to describe what you hear. Use the word bank to help you write your answers.

Word bank: Tempo · Fast · Slow · Steady · Beat · Quick · Speed · Music

1. Music Piece 1: Describe the speed of the music. Is it fast or slow? Why do you think that? (2 marks)

2. Music Piece 2: Describe the speed of this music. Does the tempo stay the same or does it change? (2 marks)

3. Music Piece 3: How does this tempo make you feel? (e.g. Does it make you want to run or rest?) (2 marks)

4. My Tempo Summary: Write one sentence explaining what 'tempo' means in your own words. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try to clap a steady beat that is 'fast' and then a steady beat that is 'slow'. Can you ask a partner to guess which one is which?