

Max's Musical Maestro Quiz

Learning objective: To identify key historical composers and understand the basic roles within a musical composition.

Max the monkey is putting together a musical puzzle! Read each question carefully and circle your answer or write it on the line provided. Good luck!

Answer Key: 1. A (Composer), 2. False, 3. Ludwig van Beethoven, 4. B (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart), 5. True, 6. C (Violin), 7. False, 8. True, 9. Johann Sebastian Bach, 10. D (The conductor).

Word bank: Orchestra · Symphony · Melody · Notation · Composer

1. 1. What do we call a person who writes music? A) Composer* B) Author C) Sculptor D) Painter (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A symphony is usually written for a solo instrument like a recorder. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which famous composer wrote nine symphonies and continued to write music even after losing his hearing? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which composer was a famous child prodigy who started writing music at age five? A) Edward Elgar B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* C) Gustav Holst D) Benjamin Britten (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Musical notation is the system used to write music down on paper so others can play it. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which instrument is often the leader of the 'strings' section in an orchestra? A) Tuba B) Flute C) Violin* D) Clarinet (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: All composers throughout history have used computers to write their music. (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: A 'tempo' marking tells the musician how fast or slow to play the music. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which Baroque-era composer was famous for playing the organ and writing complex pieces like 'The Well-Tempered Clavier'? (1 mark)

10. 10. Who stands at the front of an orchestra to keep all the musicians playing in time? A) The composer B) The audience C) The ticket seller D) The conductor* (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey standing in front of a giant musical staff, trying to arrange musical notes like a puzzle.



Extension challenge: Choose one of the composers mentioned today and research one interesting fact about their life. Write a short paragraph explaining why their music is still popular today.