

# Max's Music Composition Planner

*Learning objective: To compose a short musical piece by considering structure, rhythm, and dynamics to create a specific mood.*

Max the monkey believes that every song is like a complex math puzzle. Use this planner to organize your musical ideas before you perform or record your composition. Think carefully about how your choices will make the listener feel.

*Word bank: tempo · rhythm · dynamics · crescendo · staccato · legato · pitch · structure · mood · instrument*

**1. The Musical Concept: What is the main mood of your piece and which instruments will you use to bring this mood to life? (2 marks)**

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**2. Rhythmic Patterns: Describe the beat of your composition. Is it fast and energetic, or slow and steady? How will you keep the rhythm interesting? (2 marks)**

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**3. Dynamic Changes: Where will you include a crescendo (getting louder) or a decrescendo (getting quieter)? Why do you want these changes to happen? (2 marks)**

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**4. Structure and Form: How will you organize your piece? Will you use a repeating chorus or a verse-bridge-verse structure? (2 marks)**

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**5. Reflection: If you were to add an extra layer of sound to your composition, what would it be and how would it change the overall feel? (2 marks)**

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*Extension challenge: Try performing your composition for a partner. Ask them to describe the mood they felt while listening and compare it to the original mood you planned.*