

Max's Tempo Treasure Hunt: The Speed of Sound

Master the Beat: Can you match the rhythm to the speed of the song?

- **Tempo** is the speed at which a piece of music is played, which musicians measure using a unit called **Beats Per Minute (BPM)**.
- **Adagio** is an Italian term describing a slow, leisurely tempo, similar to a gentle stroll through the forest.
- **Allegro** indicates a fast, lively, and bright tempo that makes the listener want to dance.
- **Presto** is the instruction for a very fast tempo, often used for exciting, energetic finales in orchestral music.
- A composer can change the mood of a piece entirely by increasing or decreasing the BPM, altering how the audience feels about the music.

Did you know? Did you know that a mechanical metronome uses a swinging pendulum to keep time? Max the monkey loves using one to ensure his drum solos stay perfectly on beat, even when he tries to play as fast as a racing cheetah!

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