



Building Blocks of Music

Tempo

Q&A Discussion Guide

QUESTIONS

1. Tempo tells us what about music?
2. How do we measure tempo?
3. True or False: 60 BPM is fast.
4. True or False: Tempo can change how a song feels.
5. Describe some ways a slow tempo song might make you feel.
6. Describe some ways a fast tempo song might make you feel.
7. Name one of the tempo words used in the video and describe its speed.

ANSWERS & TEACHER GUIDE

1. Tempo tells us the speed of music, how fast or slow it is.
2. Tempo is measured in BPM (beats per minute).
3. False. 60 BPM is a fairly slow tempo.
4. True.
5. Calm, peaceful, serious, sad, or relaxed. Answers may vary.
6. Excited, energetic, happy, or silly. Answers may vary.
7. Grave — extremely slow
Largo — very slow
Andante — walking pace
Moderato — moderate or medium speed
Allegro — fast and lively
Vivace — lively and brisk
Presto — very fast

TEACHER NOTE

Question 7 can be used with multiple students. Ask students to name different tempo words from the video and describe their speeds. The teacher can also reverse the question by giving a speed and asking students to identify the correct tempo word.

