

Monster Meter Mash!

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Monster Meter Mash!

Set up your playing area:

1. Put one of the meter cards at the left side to begin
2. Place the plain beat sticks in a straight row going to the right
3. Count out the beats by the top number of your meter card (2, 3, 4, or 6) and add a pipe cleaner measure line in between each set of sticks
4. Swap out the first plain stick in each measure for an orange stick to mark the downbeat

Put on your monster and “mash that beat!” - here are some games!

1. Monster Mash - listen to a piece of music (or sing a song you know) and have your monster tap the beat along with the music. Is your meter the correct one for the music? How do you know? Try a different piece of music.
2. Meep Moop, Bleep Blap - Have your monster invent its own language and count out the beats in each measure. Be sure to make a different sound for the downbeats. With other monsters in your group make a monster symphony by counting the beats all together in their own languages!
 - Change the tempo and read it again!
3. Monster Meter Makers! - 2 players
 - a. One person pulls a meter card from their set
 - b. Both players race to see who can set up their beat line with measures and downbeats in the correct place. This winner gets a point and the other player's monster reads the correct meter line using its invented language.
 - c. Repeat until all the meter cards have been pulled.
 - d. If you pull a ? card, make up your own meter using any number on top from 5 to 9. Both of you read this meter with your invented language.

PREPPING the GAME for WHOLE CLASS or STATIONS:

Materials Needed:

1. One Plastic ziplock bag/game - sandwich or quart sized
2. Instruction Page - printed on orange or other colored paper, laminated if possible
3. Print the meter pages on card stock - all same color for playing "Meter Maker"; cut into individual meter cards, make one set of 2, 3, 4, and $\frac{7}{4}$ - per bag
4. 20 Wooden popsicle sticks - plain wood color / game
5. 4 colored popsicle sticks / game - to show the downbeat
6. Black or other colored pipe cleaner pieces - 3 / bag, cut to fit flat in bag (I cut one pipe cleaner into 3 equal pieces) - to show the measure lines
7. A monster finger puppet or picture of monster taped to a stick, or use pointer finger to be the monster