

Monkey Symphony

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Pause at after 25 seconds when the music starts to play but before we see the chimp's face.

- Why did the director choose to show a tight angle only showing the player's hands? E
- Who is playing the music? R
- How would we show the reader who is playing without saying that it is a chimp? V E

Stop after 49 seconds.

- Does the gorilla like the chimp's playing? How do you know? I
- What does the gorilla say to the chimp? I E
- What job do these two characters have? I E

Pause at 1 min 10

- Do you think the two chimps know each other? I
- What do you think the chimp in the overalls is thinking? I
- What do you think the chimp in the suit is thinking? I

Pause after the Madame Chimp taps the music sheet telling the chimps off.

- Are the chimps enjoying their music lessons? How do we know? I
- Why has the director of the film chosen to have it raining outside? E
- How does the director first show us that the music teacher doesn't like the lively music? E

Pause after the chimp leaves the music lesson

- When the chimp jumps off the piano stool and stares at the teacher he doesn't say anything. What do you think he would like to say? V I E
- When he leaves how is he feeling? How does the director show this? I E
- What are the three characters feeling at this point? I
- How does the director show us that this is a flashback? I E

Pause after the cleaning chimp hides

- What are the chimps thinking as one watches the other? I E
- Why does he hide? I
- Do you think any of the characters are related? I

Pause at 3 min 14 secs. When the chimp and the gorilla nod at each other.

- Why does the chimp playing the piano keep ‘breaking the rules?’ I E
- Do you think he has always played like this or is he sending a message to his friend? I E

Pause after the cleaning chimp starts playing and the teacher shows her displeasure.

- What do you think the teacher is thinking at this point? E
- Why does the chimp wearing the suit throw away his sheet music? E
- What do you think will happen next? P

Pause the film when the chimp puts his hands behind his back.

- What makes the chimp put his hands behind his back? I R
- Why did the gorilla pull up the curtain? I E

Pause the film after gorilla stops the teacher getting to the cleaning chimp

- What do you think the teacher is thinking here? I E
- What do you think the gorilla would be saying at this point? I E

Play the film to the end.

- Does the music that they are playing ‘go together?’ What does this show? E
- Do you think there is a moral to the story? S
- What would you say to the music teacher? S

