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project #1 "Bunny Ears"

I know this is hard to believe, but one of the four pictures above is NOT of a real bunny rabbit!

You guessed it, the first one is actually a picture of valves 1 + 2 being pressed down simultaneously. A fingering commonly known as 'bunny ears' because if you were to put those two fingers up behind the head of your friend, they would instantly turn into a convincing bunny rabbit.

Fact.

On a brass instrument you can play quite a lot of notes just by using the 'bunny ears' fingering and open valves.

How many notes do you think you can play on bunny ears (1+2) and open?

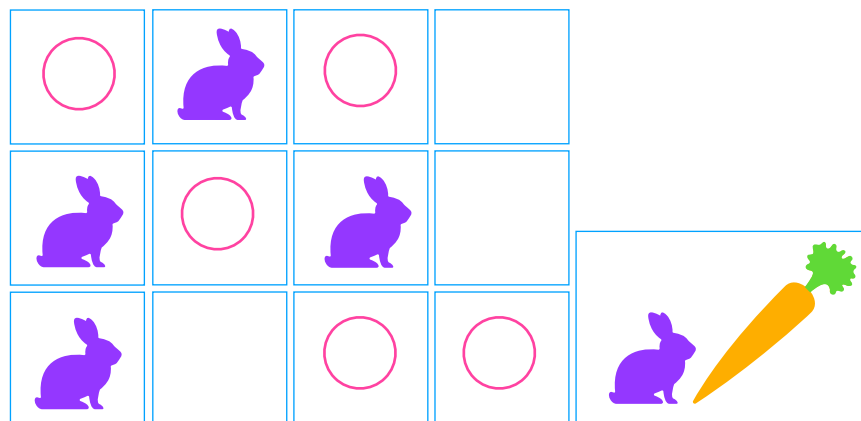
Let's see if we can create a 'Bunny Ears' tune together...

TOP TIP! Before you start, buzz your lips to get them warm, make sure you are sitting up straight, and take a nice big breath to make sure you sound great!

I can play ____ notes on bunny ears and ____ notes on open valves.
Get me!

When you see a play a note with no valves down, doesn't matter which, you choose!


























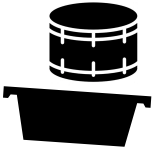




When you see a play a note with 1+2 down, a 'bunny ears' note. When you see an empty box take a rest!

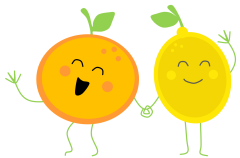


Fantastic!

On the other page there are squares you can cut out with bunnies, zeros and other things you could arrange in any order to create your very own Bunny Ears piece that involves the whole family (or just you if they don't like rabbits)

Cut out the squares below and lay them out in different orders, try playing it through each time you change the order. Recruit other members of your household to try out some household percussion!



Do let us know how you get on! Share with us at office@nmpat.co.uk