

CalmSet: A Therapeutic Music Dataset for Children with Autism

Supplemental Materials

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Screen Out Survey

Introduction Block

Music Classification

Welcome! Thank you for participating in this survey. We are going to ask you a few simple questions that will help us design future HITs.

Demographics Block

Q3. Do you have any formal training in music or psychology? (Select all that apply)

- Music performance or composition (1)
 - Music Therapy (2)
 - Psychology or Neuroscience (3)
 - Music Education (4)
 - No formal training, but I have experience in: (5) _____
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Q4. How often do you listen to music?

- Rarely (1)
 - A few times a week (2)
 - Daily (3)
 - Multiple times per day (4)
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Q5. Do you play a musical instrument?

- No (1)
- Yes (2)

Domain Knowledge Block

Q6. Which of the following musical elements are commonly associated with expressing emotions in music? (Select all that apply)

- Tempo (1)
 - Key (Major/Minor) (2)
 - Harmonic Complexity (3)
 - Lyrics (4)
 - None of the above (5)
 - I don't know (6)
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Q7. Which musical feature is most commonly associated with a “sad” emotion?

- Slow tempo and minor key (1)
 - Fast tempo and major key (2)
 - High pitch with rapid rhythm (3)
 - None of the above (4)
 - I don't know (5)
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Q8. A song that is highly energetic with an upbeat tempo is most likely to evoke which emotion?

- Joy (1)
 - Sadness (2)
 - Fear (3)
 - Calmness (4)
 - I don't know (5)
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Q9. What role does music play in therapy for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)? (Select all that apply)

- Enhancing emotional expression (1)
 - Improving communication skills (2)
 - Stimulating cognitive functions (3)
 - No known role in therapy (4)
 - I don't know (5)
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Q10. Which of the following sound characteristics might be soothing for relaxation in a therapy session? (Select all that apply)

- Slow tempo (1)
 - High-pitched, fast rhythms (2)
 - Soft dynamics (3)
 - Harsh, dissonant tones (4)
 - I don't know (5)
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Attention Check Block

Q11. What color is the sky on a clear day?

- Green (1)
 - Blue (2)
 - Red (3)
 - Yellow (4)
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Q12. Please select the third option below.

- First (1)
 - Second (2)
 - Third (3)
 - Fourth (4)
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Music–Emotion Classification Task (Without Audio)

Q14. A piece of music with a slow tempo, played softly on a piano, featuring a minor key melody and gradual dynamic changes. What emotion does this best represent?

- Happy (1)
 - Sad (2)
 - Angry (3)
 - Calm (4)
 - I don't know (5)
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Q15. A fast-paced song with a driving rhythm, major key harmonies, and bright brass instruments playing an energetic melody. What emotion does this best represent?

- Joy (1)
 - Fear (2)
 - Excitement (3)
 - Melancholy (4)
 - I don't know (5)
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Q16. A piece of music with deep bass tones, irregular rhythms, high-pitched dissonant violins, and an unpredictable tempo. What emotion does this best represent?

- Happy (1)
 - Fear (2)
 - Calm (3)
 - Sad (4)
 - I don't know (5)
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Q17. A soft ambient soundscape with gentle strings, long sustained notes, and slow harmonic progressions. What emotion does this best represent?

- Angry (1)
 - Joy (2)
 - Calm (3)
 - Sad (4)
 - I don't know (5)
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Experience & Feedback Block

Q18. Did you find the emotional classification task difficult?

- Very easy (1)
 - Somewhat easy (2)
 - Neutral (3)
 - Somewhat difficult (4)
 - Very difficult (5)
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Q19. How confident are you in your ability to classify music by emotional content?

1 = Not confident at all

5 = Very confident

(Scale: 1–5 Likert slider)