

Rhythm & Counting in Time Signatures

Rhythm is the controlled movement of music in time.

In $\frac{4}{4}$ time:

A quarter note (\bullet) receives one beat. Four quarter notes can fit into one measure of $\frac{4}{4}$ time. Clap the rhythm with a steady beat.

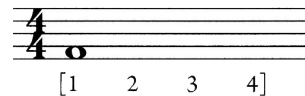


A half note (\circ) receives two beats. Two half notes can fit into one measure of $\frac{4}{4}$ time. Clap the rhythm with a steady beat.



Note: Only clap on beats 1 and 3. Keep your hands together on beats 2 and 4. The sound of the half note will fill both beats.

A whole note (\circ) receives four beats. One whole note can fit into one measure of $\frac{4}{4}$ time. Clap the rhythm with a steady beat.



Note: Only clap on beat 1. Keep your hands together on beats 2, 3, and 4. The sound of the whole note will fill all four beats.

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

1. Add each set of note values to calculate the total number of beats. (The quarter note gets one beat.)

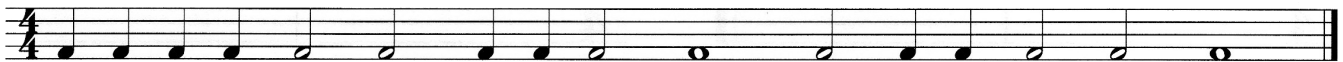
a) $\bullet + \bullet = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

b) $\circ + \bullet = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

c) $\bullet + \bullet + \circ = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

d) $\bullet + \bullet + \bullet = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2. Draw bar lines in the following music. Write in the counting below the staff. Clap the rhythm.



3. There is only one note missing from each measure below. Draw the note on the appropriate beat. Clap the rhythm.

