Name _____

Time Signature and Note Values

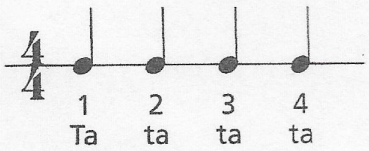
The TIME SIGNATURE appears at the beginning of the music after the clef sign. It contains two numbers, one above the other.

The upper number tells how many beats (or counts) are in each measure. In this case, 4.

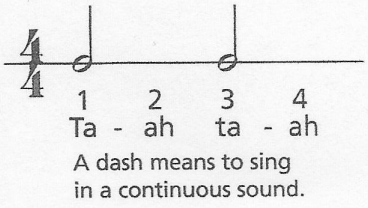
The lower number indicates what type of note receives 1 beat. In this case, a quarter note

In 4/4 time:

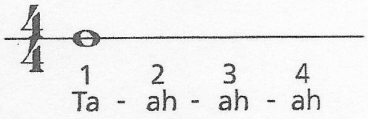
A quarter note (♩) is equal to one count (or beat). Count (1, 2, 3, 4) and clap the rhythm evenly (once per beat). The beat numbers are written under the notes. Also, say "ta" and clap.



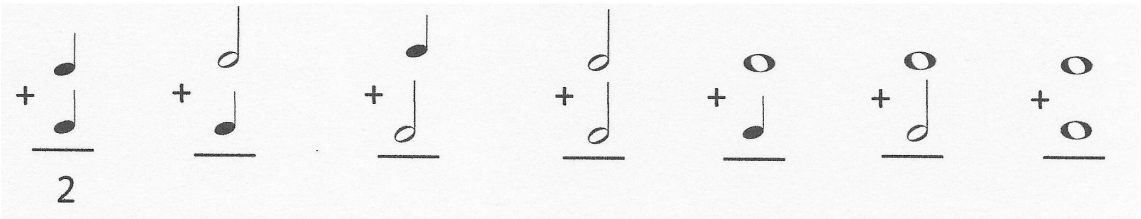
A half note (𝅗𝅥) is equal to two counts (or beats). Count and clap the rhythm evenly (holding your hands together for 2 beats). The beat numbers are written under the notes. Also, say "ta-ah" (in a continuous sound) and clap.



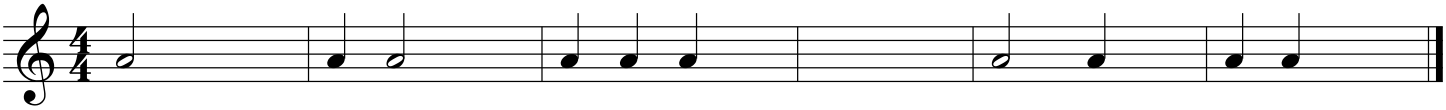
A whole note (𝅝) is equal to four counts (or beats). Count and clap the rhythm evenly (hands together for 4 beats). The beat numbers are written under the notes. Also, say "ta-ah-ah-ah" (in a continuous sound) and clap.



1. Write the number underneath each note equation. The first one has been done for you.



2. Each measure is missing one note. Write the name of that note in the blank. The first one is done for you.



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