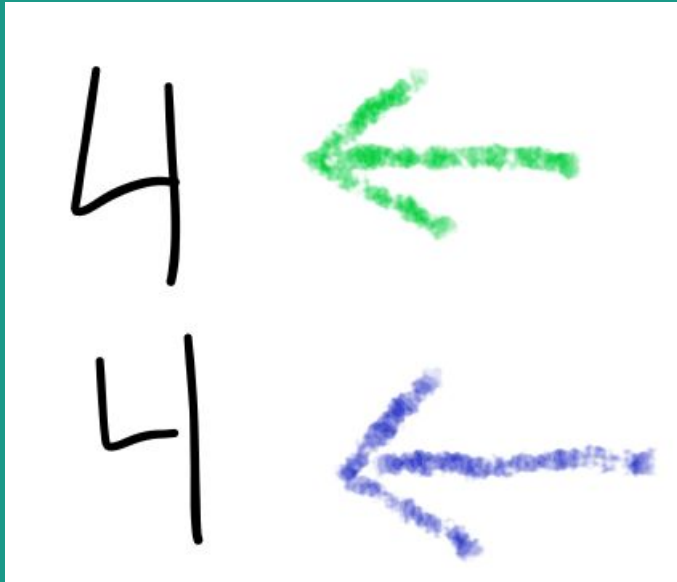




Music Meter Time Signatures

An intro to Time Signatures, and How many beats are in those measures.

What does the Time Signature tell us?



Top number tells us how many beats in the measure.

Tells us what note gets the beat. More on this latter.



Top Number

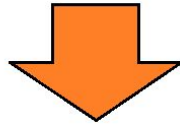
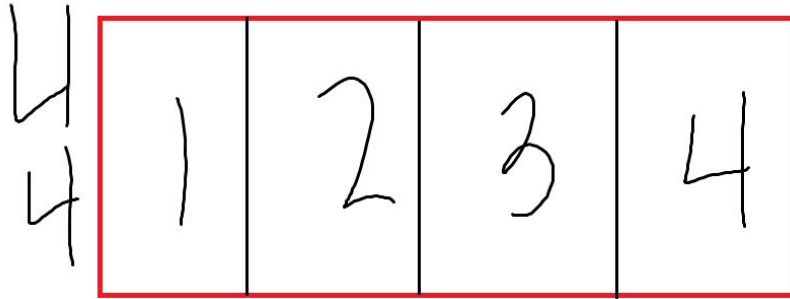
When the Time signature tells us that there are 4 beats in the measure, it means that the measure is broken into 4 equal parts. Or each measure gets 4 beats. Remember that each note takes up these beats(Sections) so that we can organize the music.

Need Help? Try these Resource links:

[Beat](#) - Go through this “lesson’s” videos for and explanation on Beat. May be a bit cheesy but good info!



What does it look like

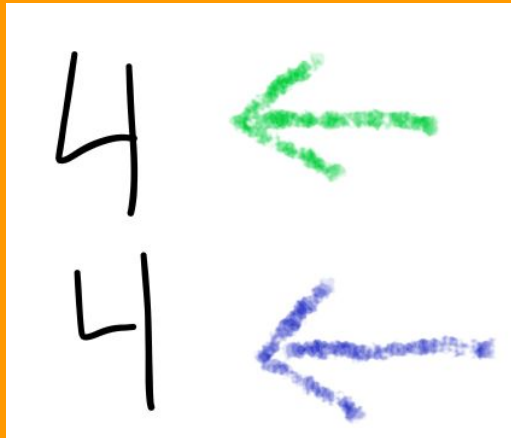


Red box = full measure

If we use the quarter Note, one quarter note would fit in each box. Quarter Note = 1 beat. Half note would get 2 boxes (Beats), Eighth Note would get half a box each. Eighth Note = $\frac{1}{2}$ or 0.5 beat.

4/4 Time


This is what we have been using most of the time



4 beats in the measure.

Quarter note Gets the Beat.
(Think $\frac{1}{4}$ = quarter = Quarter Note)

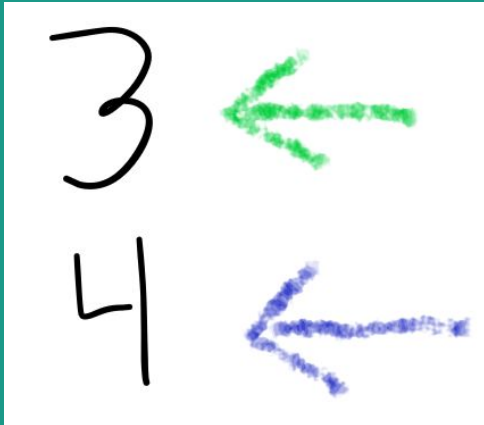
** For now this is the only number we are going to be using. So the answer will be the same.



Try Counting these Rhythms after each time signature explanation: (Remember how many beats each note and rest gets. Review Week 2's lesson if needed) Keep track of the examples you get correct to answer a question in the exit ticket.

3/4 Time

This is what is used for a Walz Style of Music.



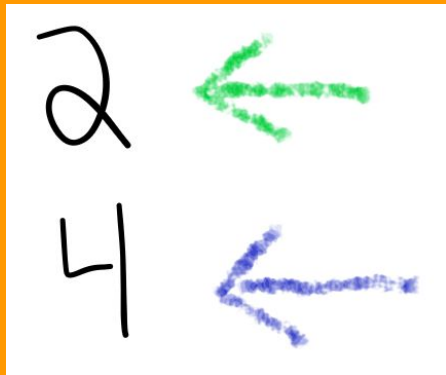
3 beats in the measure.

Quarter note Gets the Beat**.
(Think $\frac{1}{4}$ = quarter = Quarter Note)

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2/4 Time

This is used for Marches.

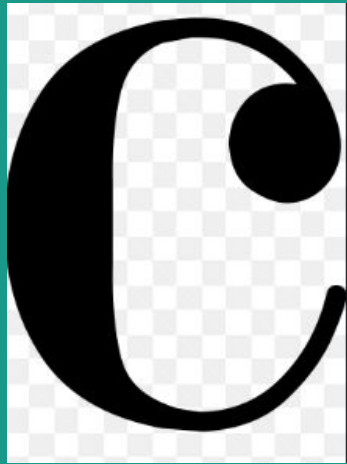


2 beats in the measure.

Quarter note Gets the Beat**.
(Think $\frac{1}{4}$ = quarter = Quarter Note)

** For now this is the only number we are going to be using. So the answer will be the same.

Common Time = 4/4 Time



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