Beginner Grade

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Notation and Duration - Notes

• This is a **semibreve**. A semibreve is held for **4** beats.

Practise drawing semibreves below by joining the dots. Practise drawing semibreves between two lines. Try not to go above or below the lines (see the example): This is a **minim**. A minim is held for **2** beats. Practise drawing minims below by joining the dots:

The circle and line that are used to make a **minim** also have other names.

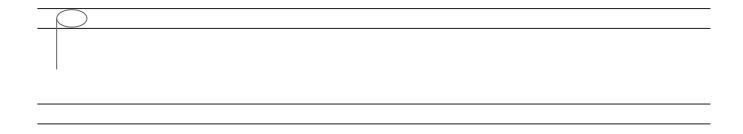


The stem (or stick) can point up **or** down. If the stem is pointing **up**, it must be drawn on the **right hand side** of the note-head. If the stem is pointing **down**, it must be drawn on the **left hand side** of the note-head.

Practise drawing minims with the stems pointing **up**. Keep the note-head within the two lines (*see the example*):



Practise drawing minims with the stems pointing **down** (see the example):



This is a **crotchet**. A crotchet is held for **1** beat.

Practise drawing crotchets with the stems pointing **up** (see the example):

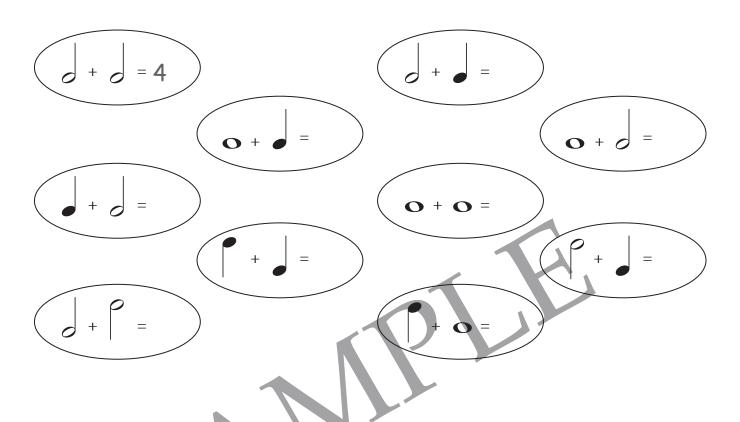
Practise drawing crotchets with the stems pointing down (see the example):

Circle the correct answer:

- This note is a:	semibreve	minim	crotchet
- This note is a:	semibreve	minim	crotchet
• This note is a:	semibreve	minim	crotchet
A minim is held for:	1 beat	2 beats	4 beats
A crotchet is held for:	1 beat	2 beats	4 beats
A semibreve is held for:	1 beat	2 beats	4 beats

Musical Maths - Notes

Answer the following questions by writing the correct **number** (see the example):

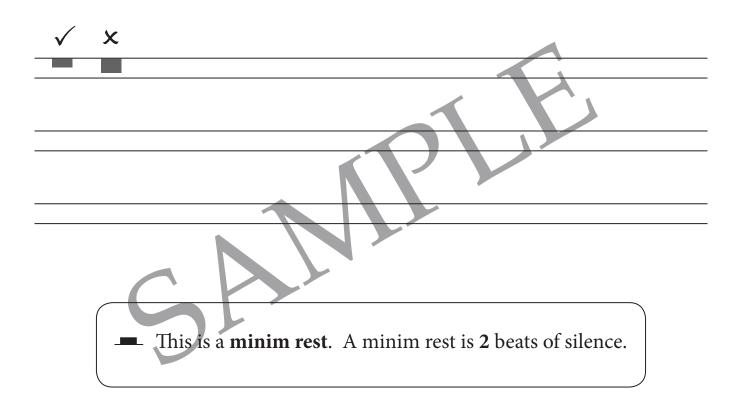


Answer the following questions by writing the correct **note** (*see the example*). Be careful, as there are also some subtraction questions:

Notation and Duration - Rests

This is a **semibreve rest**. A semibreve rest is **4** beats of silence.

The semibreve rest **hangs from a line**. Practise drawing semibreve rests below. Try to only fill up half the space between the two lines with the rest (*see the examples*):



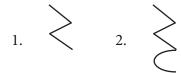
The minim rest **sits on a line**. Practise drawing minim rests below. Once again, try to only fill up half the space between the two lines when drawing the rest:

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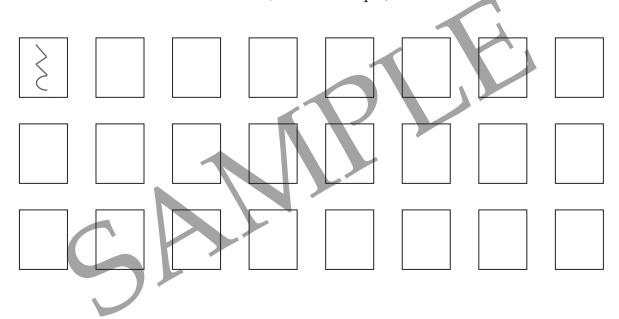
X

This is a **crotchet rest**. A crotchet rest is **1** beat of silence.

Crotchet rests are quite difficult to draw at first. Start at the top of the rest, and draw a zigzag. Finish the crotchet rest by adding the letter 'C'.



Draw a crotchet rest in each box below (see the example):



Circle the correct answer:

- This rest is a:	semibreve rest	minim rest	crotchet rest
- This rest is a:	semibreve rest	minim rest	crotchet rest
- This rest is a:	semibreve rest	minim rest	crotchet rest
A crotchet rest is held for:	1 beat	2 beats	4 beats
A minim rest is held for:	1 beat	2 beats	4 beats
A semibreve rest is held for:	1 beat	2 beats	4 beats

Musical Maths - Rests

Answer the following questions by writing the correct **number** (see the example):

Answer the following questions by writing the correct **rest** (see the example):

Revision Test - Notes & Rests

Complete this revision test at your lesson.

Circle the correct answer:

o - This note is a:

semibreve

minim

crotchet

/3

- This rest is a:

semibreve rest

minim rest

crotchet rest

A crotchet is held for:

1 beat

2 beats

4 beats

Between the two lines draw the following notes and rests:

- 1. Minim note (stem down)
- 2. Crotchet note (stem up)
- 3. Minim rest

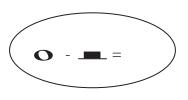
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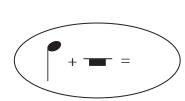
Draw a crotchet rest in the following box:

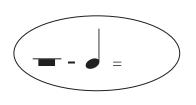


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Answer the following questions by writing the correct **number**:







/3

Total: /10

Note Names

The **musical alphabet** is made up of the first seven letters of the alphabet.

A B C D E F G

Circle the letters below that belong to the **musical alphabet**. You should end up with 20 circled letters:

A	F	V	Н	В	U	О	J	E	C	N
Q	Y	E	C	D	A	N	Z O T	G	D	I
Z	F	В	S	M	N	I	0	Е	F	A
X	T	W	E	Y	G	F	T	Н	A	V

Continue drawing lines to connect any two notes from the musical alphabet to make your way through the musical maze. You can only move to the right or down:

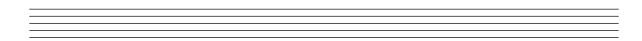
Start

A	-G	Н	F	Y	Е	Т	I	P	V	Е
X	E	F	W	M	A	V	В	N	P	W
D	V	G	J	K	U	E	С	S	I	P
Z	W	A	E	Y	I	K	N	F	Н	R
Q	C	V	В	Е	A	Y	U	K	L	N
W	S	E	V	A	C	G	N	M	Н	Т
Т	U	В	V	D	C	F	Е	В	V	Y
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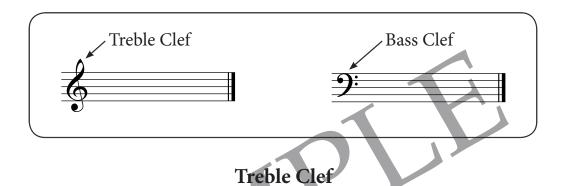
Finish

Using the Stave

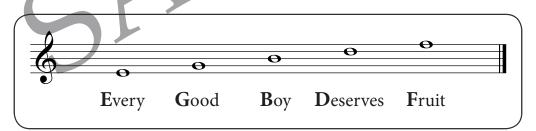
Music is written on lines, or in spaces. These lines and spaces are called the **staff** or **stave**. This is what the **stave** looks like:



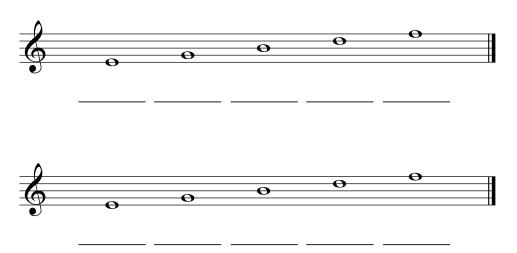
At the start of every stave we place a **clef**. The two clefs that are most commonly used are the **treble clef** and the **bass clef**. The treble clef is usually used for higher notes, and the bass clef for lower notes.



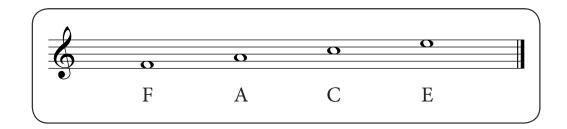
You have already been introduced to the letters of the musical alphabet and note lengths. Every letter of the musical alphabet has its own special place on the musical stave. Some people like to use simple phrases to help them remember where each note should be placed. This is one of the phrases often used for treble clef notes:



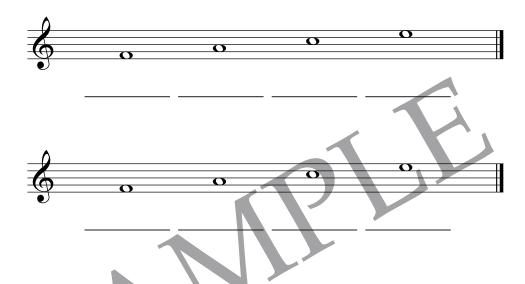
Make up two phrases of your own that could be used to remember treble clef lines:



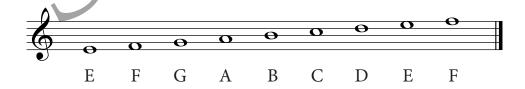
Many people like to remember the treble clef spaces by using the word 'FACE'.



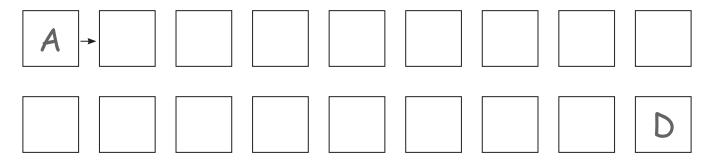
Make up two phrases of your own that could be used to remember treble clef **spaces**:



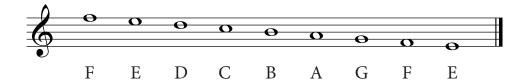
If you combine both the line and space notes, you will see how as the notes move from low on the stave to high the note names follow the same order as the musical alphabet. After the letter 'G' we start at the letter 'A' again.



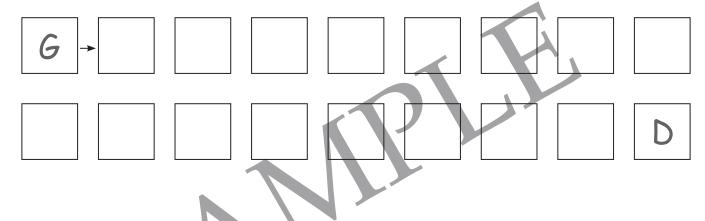
Fill in each box below with the correct letter of the musical alphabet (moving from low to high). The first and last boxes have been filled in for you:



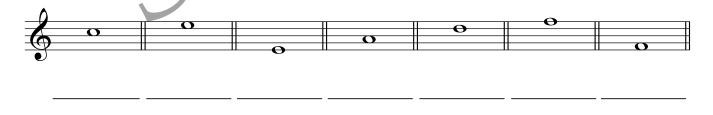
When the notes move from high to low on the stave, you need to use the musical alphabet backwards.

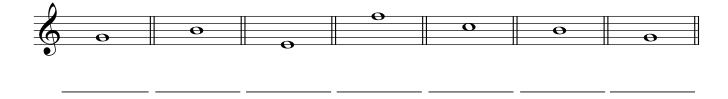


Fill in each box below with the correct letter of the musical alphabet (moving from high to low). The first and last boxes have been filled in for you:



Name the following treble clef notes:

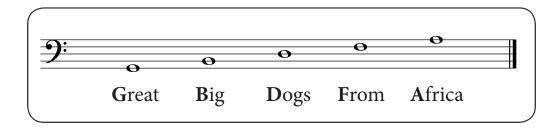




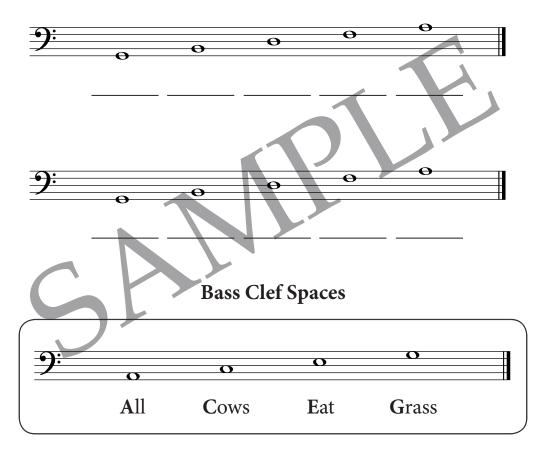


Bass Clef Lines

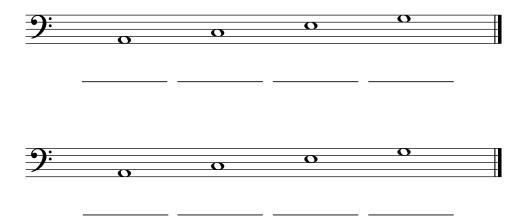
Short phrases can also be used to remember the letter names of **bass clef** notes. Below is a common example often used:



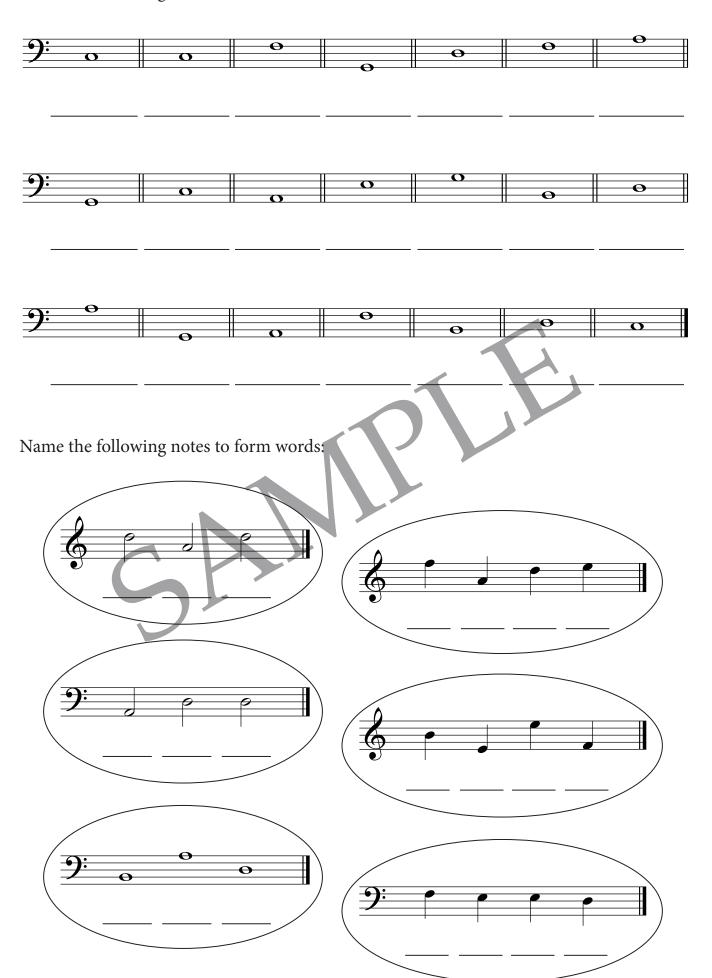
Make up two phrases of your own that could be used to remember bass clef lines:



Make up two phrases of your own that could be used to remember bass clef **spaces**:

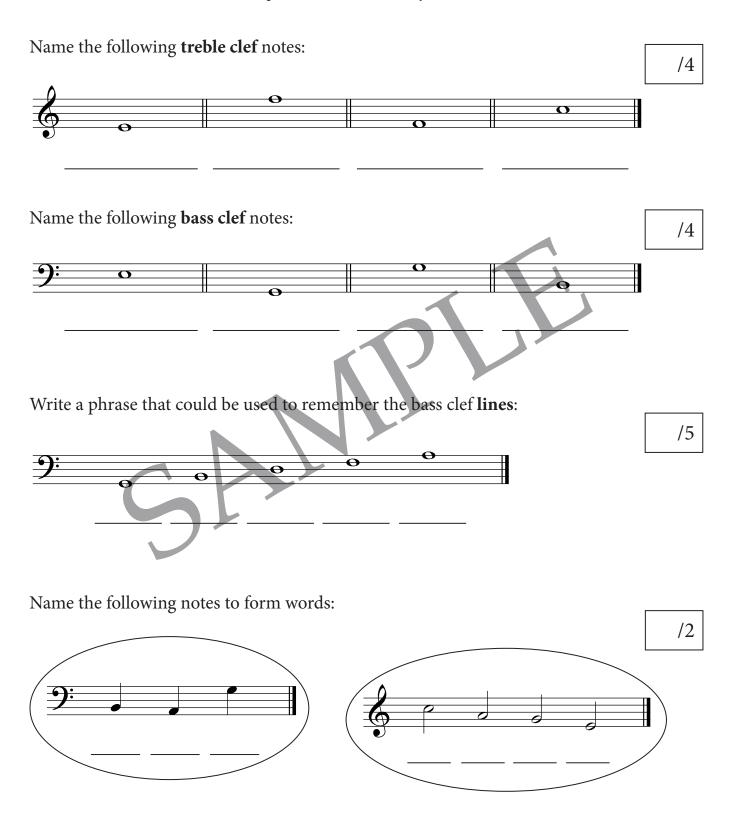


Name the following **bass clef** notes:



Revision Test - Using the Stave

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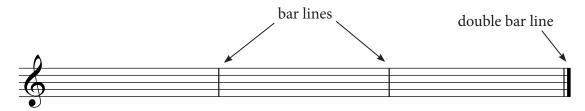


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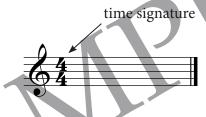
Timing

A musical stave or staff can be divided into sections, called **bars**. We do this by adding vertical lines, called **bar lines**.

At the end of a piece of music we place a **double bar line**. This tells us that the piece is finished.



You may have noticed two numbers placed to the right hand of the clef in the pieces you have played. These numbers are called the **time signature**.



Every time signature is made up of two numbers. The top number tells you how many counts or beats are in every bar. The bottom number tells you what kind of note is equal to one count or beat for that particular time signature.

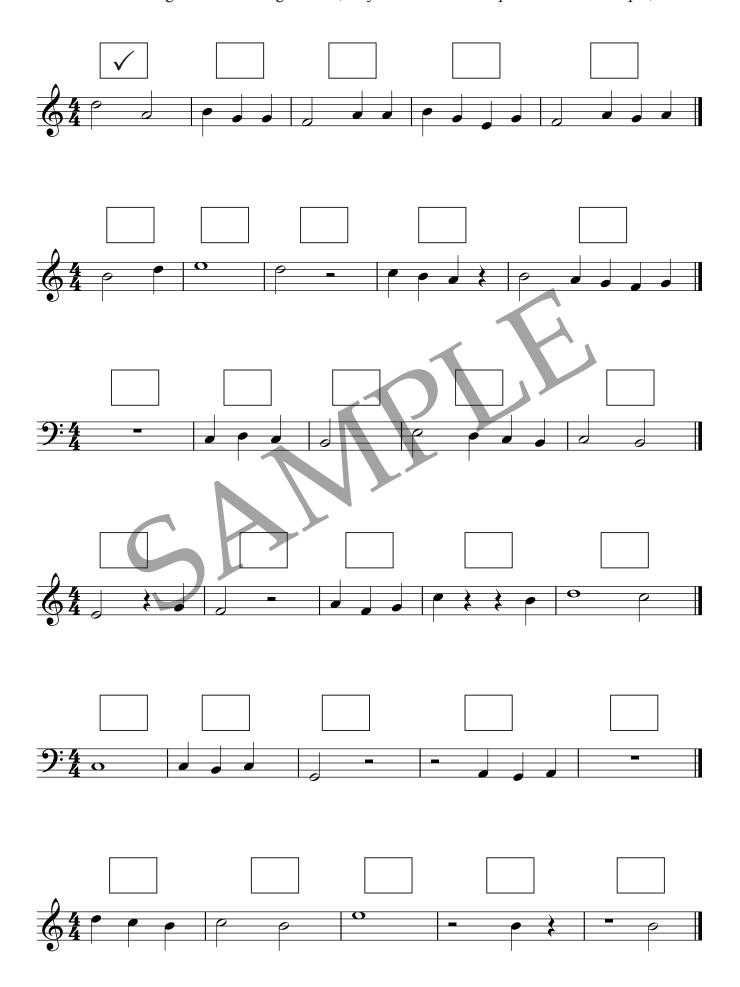
The number 4 at the top of a time signature tells us that there needs to be four beats in every bar of music. The number 4 at the bottom of a time signature tells us that a **crotchet** is equal to one count or beat.



You can have any number of notes in a bar of $\frac{4}{4}$, as long as the **total value** of the notes adds up to **four beats** (see the example below):



Place a tick or a cross in each box to indicate whether the correct number of beats are in each bar according to the time signature (the first has been completed as an example):



Circling Beats

One of the reasons we divide pieces of music into bars is that it is much easier to count the beats, as there are only a small number of individual beats in each bar.

If the time signature is $\frac{4}{4}$, you only need to count from one to four for each bar. After counting '4' you start with '1' again.



You have already been introduced to minim and semibreve notes/rests. Note below how minim and semibreves take up more than one individual beat of the bar:



Place a single circle around **beat 1** in each bar below (the first bar has been completed as an example):



Place a single circle around beat 4 in each bar below:

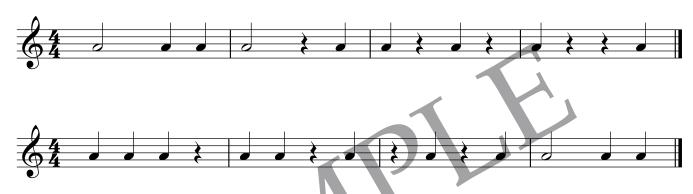


Place a single circle around **beat 2** in each bar below:





Place a single circle around **beat 3** in each bar below:



Place a single circle around **beats 1 and 2** in each bar below (the first two bars have been completed as an example):



Place a single circle around **beats 3 and 4** in each bar below:





Place a single circle around beats 2 and 3 in each bar below:

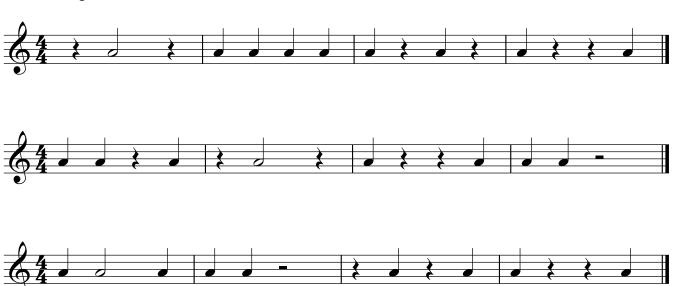




Place a single circle around beats 1, 2 and 3 in each bar below:



Place a single circle around beats 2, 3 and 4 in each bar below:



Place a circle around **beat 1** and a circle around **beat 4** in each bar below (the first bar has been completed as an example):



Place a circle around **beat 2** and a circle around **beat 4** in each bar below (the first bar has been completed as an example):



Bar Lines

In the exercises below, you need to draw a bar line after every 4 beats, and a double bar line at the end of the line of music.

The bar lines and double bar lines that you draw should be vertical, straight and should not go beyond the top or bottom lines of the stave (see the examples below):



Add bar lines and a double bar line to the following lines of music:

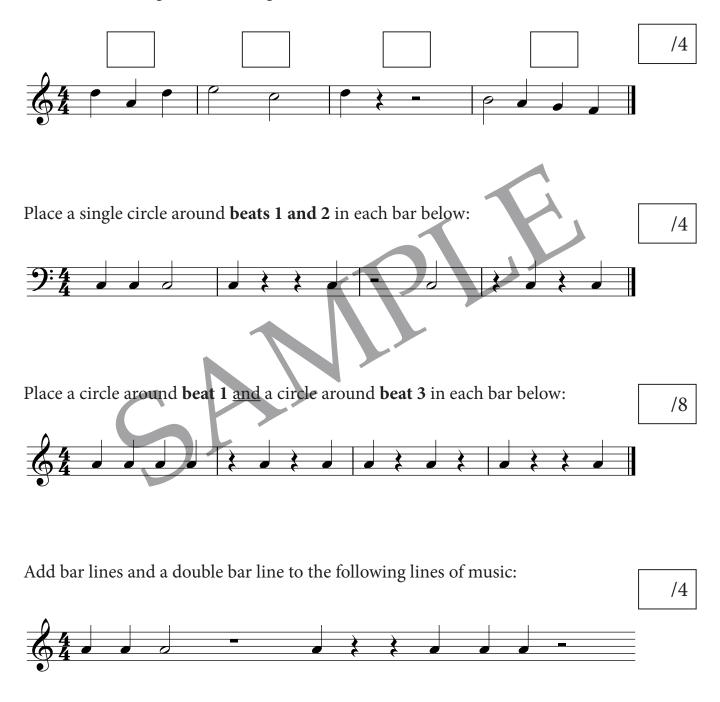




Revision Test - Timing

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Place a tick or a cross in each box to indicate whether the correct number of beats are in each bar according to the time signature:



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Instruments of the Orchestra

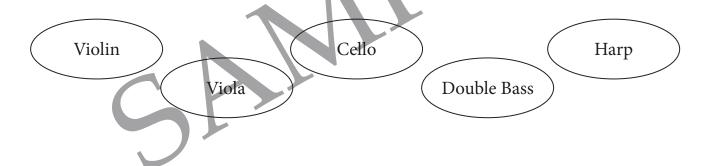
A symphony orchestra is made up of over 20 different instruments. These instruments can be grouped into four different sections:

- 1. Strings
- 2. Woodwind
- 3. Brass
- 4. Percussion

Strings



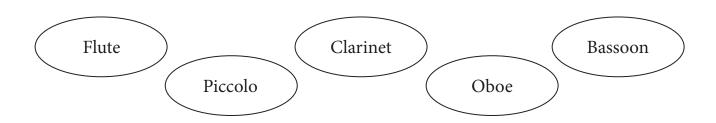
There are five different instruments in the string section of a symphony orchestra:



Woodwind



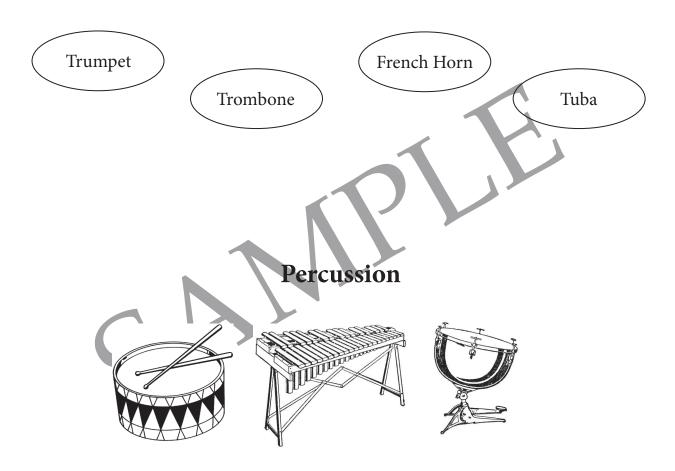
There are five main instruments in the woodwind section of a symphony orchestra:



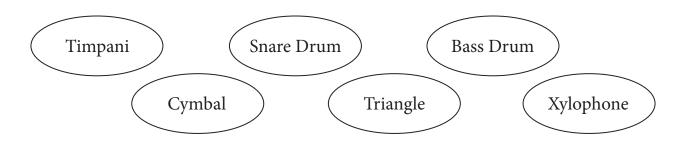




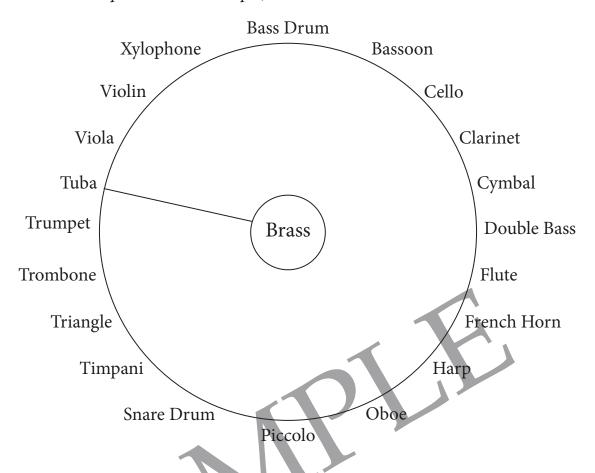
There are four main instruments in the brass section of a symphony orchestra:



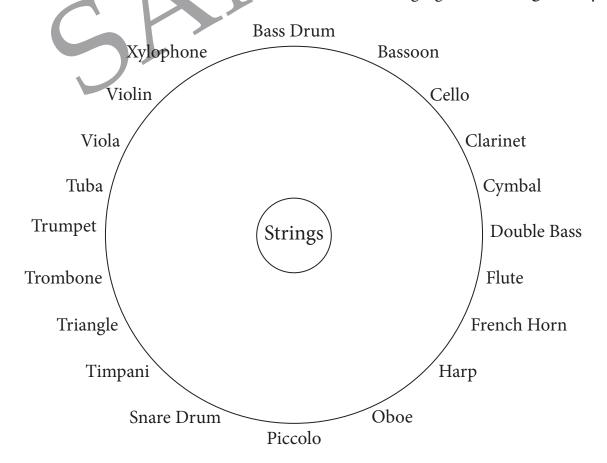
There are many different percussion instruments used in a symphony orchestra. Here are six of the more commonly used percussion instruments:



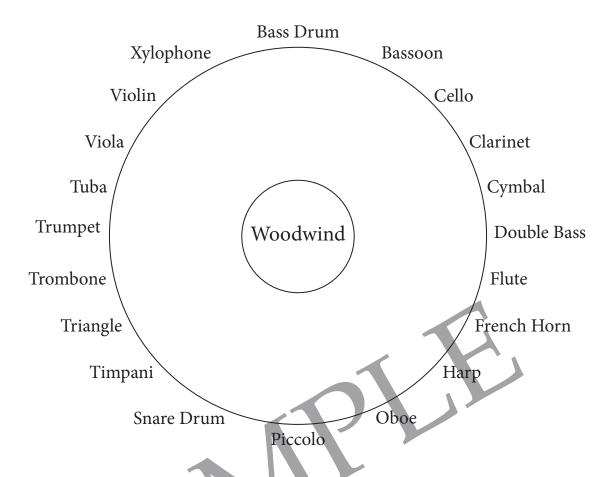
Draw a line from the inner circle to all the instruments belonging to the **brass** family (the first one has been completed as an example):



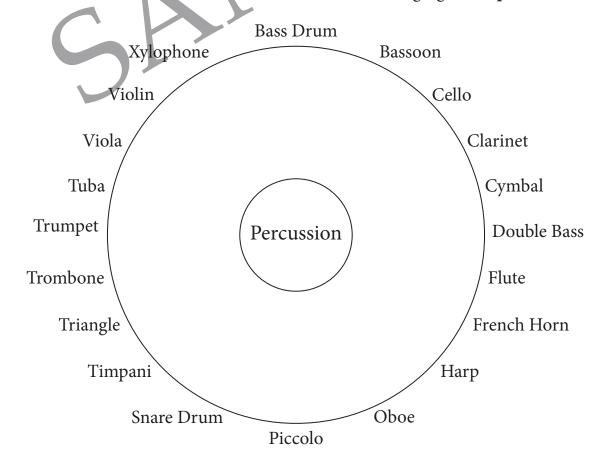
Draw a line from the inner circle to all the instruments belonging to the **strings** family:



Draw a line from the inner circle to all the instruments belonging to the **woodwind** family:



Draw a line from the inner circle to all the instruments belonging to the **percussion** family:



Find and circle the names of the twenty symphony orchestra instruments listed below. The names have been written vertically and horizontally, not diagonally (the first one has been completed as an example):

- Bass Drum
- Bassoon
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Cymbal
- Double Bass
- Flute
- French Horn
- Harp
- Oboe

- Piccolo
- Snare Drum
- Timpani
- Triangle
- Trombone
- Trumpet
- Tuba
- Viola
- Violin
- Xylophone

F	Т	R	О	M	В	0	N	Е	V	Е	G	D	С
R	Е	F	D	T	A	V	В	F	L	U	T	E	X
Е	V	G	0	R	U	E	С	T	Ι	P	G	T	Y
N	W	A	U	I	I	K	N	R	0	В	0	Е	L
С	Y	M	В	A	L	Y	T	U	В	A	E	C	О
Н	S	V	L	N	C	Т	I	M	P	A	N	I	Р
Н	U	I	Е	G	Н	A	R	P	V	Y	M	В	Н
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Revision Test - Instruments of the Orchestra

Complete this revision test at your lesson.

Circle the instruments that belong to the brass family:								
Violin	Flute	Tuba	Oboe	Trump	et			
Circle the insti	ruments that	t belong to	the strings	family:		/4		
Viola	Piccolo	Trombo	one O	boe	Cello			
Which family	does the bas	soon belor	ng to?			/2		
Strings	Woodwin	nd B	irass	Percussion		/2		
Circle the insti	ruments that	t do not be	long to a sy	mphony orc	hestra:			
Double Ba	ass Rec	corder	Guitar	Bassoon	Flute	/5		
Saxophone	Bass Drur	n Tir	npani	Euphonium	Harmonica			

Total: /15

Terminology

Understanding and following the terminology in your pieces will enable you to perform more musically. There are nine terms for you to learn in Beginner Grade. You will most likely have already come across most of the terms on this list in the pieces you play.

Dynamics - We call the terms (and their abbreviations) that are used to describe the volume at which we need to play a piece of music **dynamics**. For example, to instruct a musician to play the start of a piece loudly, you add the dynamic marking 'forte' (f) beneath the first note of the piece.

Accidentals - A sharp, flat or natural placed before a note is called an accidental.

Circle the correct answer regarding the **dynamics** and **accidentals** in the following pieces:



Bar 1 should be played: moderately loud soft loud

Bar 2 should be played: moderately loud moderately soft soft

Bar 3 needs to be: becoming louder becoming softer speeding up

Bar 4 should be played: moderately loud moderately slow loud

The accidental in bar 3 is a: sharp natural flat



Bar 1 should be played: loud soft moderately soft

Bar 2 needs to be: becoming louder speeding up becoming softer

Bar 3 should be played: loud soft moderately loud

The accidental in bar 2 is a: sharp natural flat



Bar 1 should be played: moderately soft loud moderately loud

Bar 3 needs to be: becoming louder very fast becoming softer

Bar 4 should be played: loud soft moderately loud

The accidental in bar 4 is a: sharp natural flat



Bar 1 should be played: loud soft moderately soft

Bar 2 needs to be: becoming louder quite slow becoming softer

Bar 4 needs to be: extra loud slowing down becoming softer

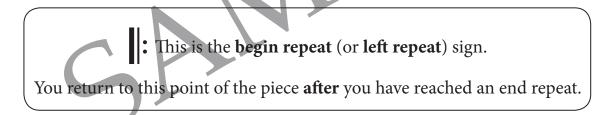
The accidental in bar 3 is a: sharp flat natural

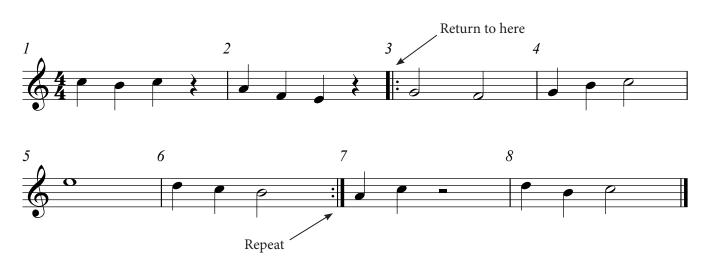
Repeat signs

This is the **end repeat** (or **right repeat**) sign. Play the music that is before this sign, again.



When you get to the repeat sign in the piece above, you should return to the beginning and play the entire piece a second time.

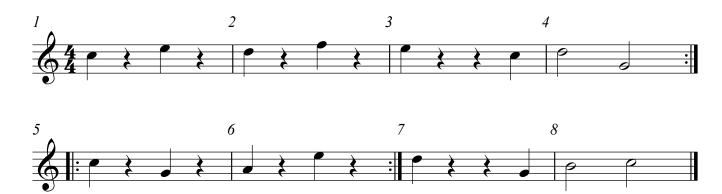




In the example above, you repeat the section of music between bar 3 and the end of bar 6 before continuing on to bars 7 and 8.

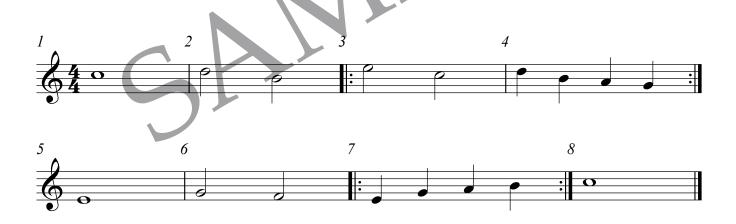
Circle the correct answer for each of the questions below:





After bar 4 (the 1st time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 5 bar 8 After bar 4 (the 2nd time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 5 bar 8 After bar 6 (the 1st time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 7 bar 5 After bar 6 (the 2nd time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 5 bar 7

The last bar you should play is: bar 4 bar 6 bar 8



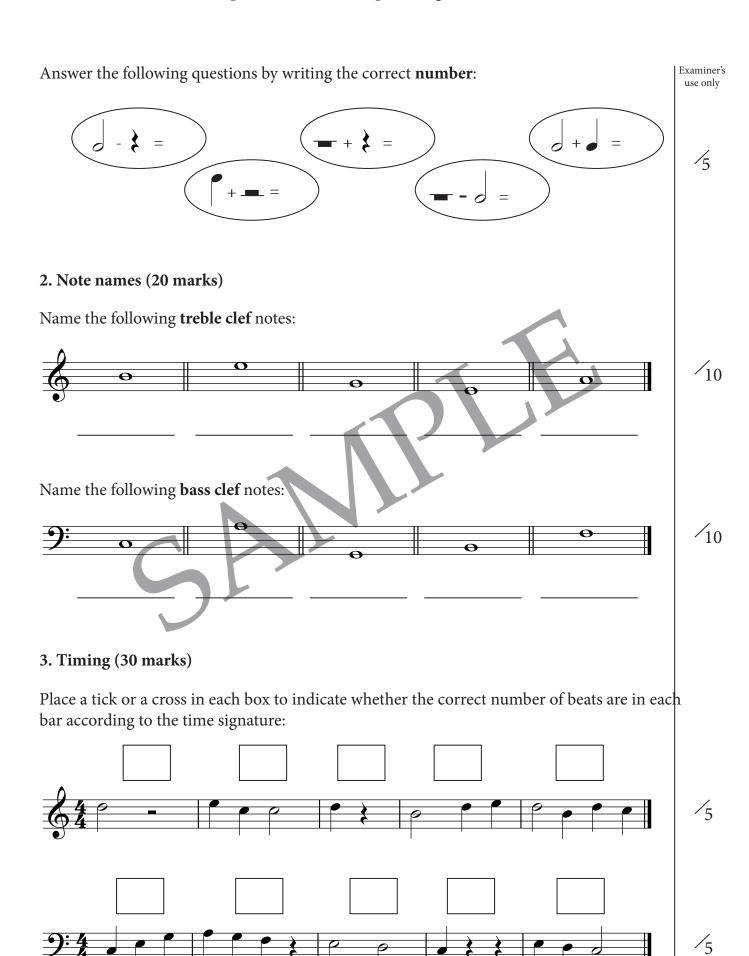
After bar 2 (the 1st time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 3 bar 5 After bar 4 (the 1st time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 3 bar 7 After bar 4 (the 2nd time through) you should play: bar 3 bar 5 bar 8 After bar 7 (the 1st time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 4 bar 7 After bar 7 (the 2nd time through) you should play: bar 3 bar 5 bar 8

The last bar you should play is: bar 4 bar 7 bar 8

Sample Examination Paper 1

Vour name				
Your name:				_
Exam centre:			Date:	_
Please	Time allowed for complete all questions in	r this examination: 1 l pencil or ink. Read al		Examine
1. Notation (20 marks)				use only
Circle the correct answe		minim	crotchet	
- This rest is a:	semibreve rest	minim rest	crotchet rest	
o - This note is a:	semibreve	minim	crotchet	10
A crotchet is held for: A semibreve is held for	1 beat:	2 beats 2 beats	4 beats 4 beats	
In the box provided dra	w the following notes	s or rests:		
1. Crotchet rest	2. Minim note (stem up)		tchet note n down)	/5
Between the two lines d	raw the following res	ts:		
4. Minim rest	5. Se	emibreve rest		

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Place a single circle around beats 2 and 3 in each bar below: Examiner's use only 15 Place a circle around **beat 1** and a circle around **beat 4** in each bar below: $\frac{10}{10}$ Add bar lines and a double bar line to the following line of music: $\sqrt{5}$ 4. Instruments of the Orchestra (10 marks) Circle the instruments that belong to the **brass** family: $\sqrt{3}$ French Horn Snare Drum Oboe Trumpet Which family does the Viola belong to? 1/2 Woodwind Percussion Strings **Brass** Circle the instruments that **belong** to a symphony orchestra: Recorder **Double Bass** Flute Guitar Oboe **/**5 Saxophone Bass Drum Tin Whistle Harmonica Timpani

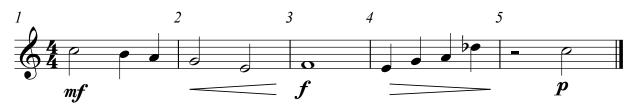
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5. Terminology (20 marks)

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Circle the correct answer in regards to the **dynamic markings** in the following piece:



Bar 1 should be played: moderately loud moderately soft loud

> becoming louder becoming softer speeding up

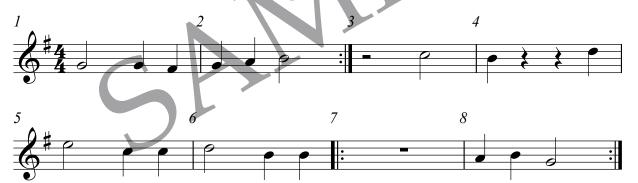
Bar 2 needs to be:

Bar 3 should be played: moderately loud loud soft

slowing down Bar 4 needs to be: becoming louder becoming softer

natural The accidental in bar 4 is a: sharp flat

Circle the correct answer for each of the questions below:



After bar 2 (the 1st time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 3 bar 7

bar 3 After bar 4 you should play: bar 1 bar 5

bar 7 After bar 6 you should play: bar 1 bar 3

After bar 8 (the 1st time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 5 bar 7

bar 4 bar 6 bar 8 The last bar you should play is:

Total:

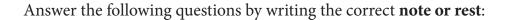
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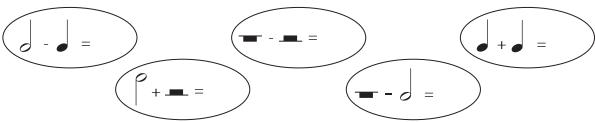
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Teacher's name:				-					
Exam centre:	Exam centre: Date:								
Please co	Time allowed for this omplete all questions in pencil		stions carefully.						
				Examiner use only					
1. Notation (20 marks)									
Circle the correct answer:		,							
- This rest is a:	semibreve rest	minim rest	crotchet rest						
- This rest is a:	semibreve rest	minim rest	crotchet rest	10					
- This note is a:	semibreve	minim	crotchet						
A minim is held for:	1 beat	2 beats	4 beats						
A crotchet rest is held for	r: 1 beat	2 beats	4 beats						
In the box provided draw	the following notes or r	ests:							
1. Semibreve note	2. Minim note (stem down)	3. Crotche (stem)							
				/5					
Between the two lines dra	w the following rests:								
4. Semibreve rest	5. Minim rest								

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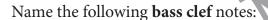
2. Note names (20 marks)

Name the following **treble clef** notes:



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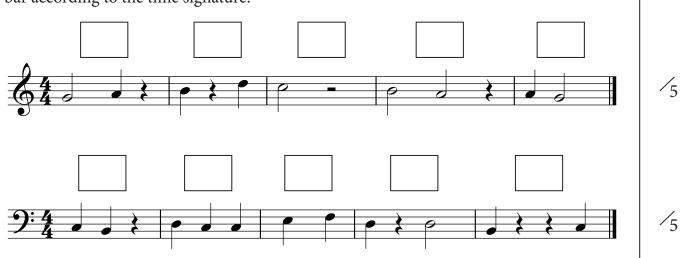
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3. Timing (30 marks)

Place a tick or a cross in each box to indicate whether the correct number of beats are in each bar according to the time signature:



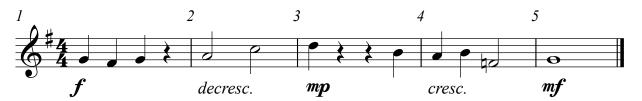
Place a single circle around beats 3 and 4 in each bar below: Examiner's use only 15 Place a circle around **beat 1** and a circle around **beat 3** in each bar below: $\sqrt{10}$ Add bar lines and a double bar line to the following line of music: $\sqrt{5}$ 4. Instruments of the Orchestra (10 marks) Circle the instruments that belong to the **woodwind** family: Flute Oboe Violin Trumpet Bassoon Which family does the **tuba** belong to? $\frac{1}{2}$ Woodwind Percussion Strings Brass Circle the instruments that **do not belong** to a symphony orchestra: $\sqrt{5}$ Cello Violin Timpani Kazoo Banjo Kick Drum Koto Cymbals Bassoon Sitar

5. Terminology (20 marks)

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Circle the correct answer in regards to the **dynamic markings** in the following piece:



Bar 1 should be played: loud moderately soft soft

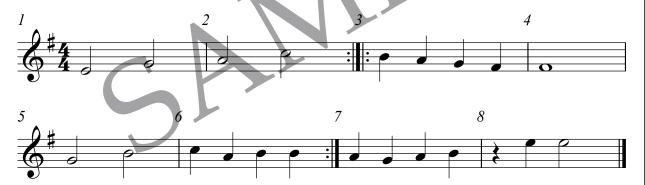
Bar 2 needs to be: becoming louder becoming softer slowing down

Bar 3 should be played: moderately soft moderately loud loud

Bar 4 needs to be: becoming louder becoming softer speeding up

The accidental in bar 4 is a: sharp natural flat

Circle the correct answer for each of the questions below:



After bar 2 (the 1st time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 3 bar 5

After bar 4 you should play: bar 1 bar 3 bar 5

After bar 6 (the 1st time through) you should play: bar 1 bar 3 bar 7

After bar 6 (the 2nd time through) you should play: bar 3 bar 5 bar 7

The last bar you should play is: bar 4 bar 6 bar 8

Total:

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