

4/4 Time Signature

Name: _____
Date: _____

The top number means that each measure receives 4 beats.
The bottom number means that the quarter note receives one beat.

1,2,3,4 1,2 3,4 1 2 3 4 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

A whole note receives 4 beats Half notes receive 2 beats each Quarter notes receive 1 beat each

4 + 0 = 4 2 + 2 = 4 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4

Eighth notes receive 1/2 of a beat each (2 eighth notes = 1 beat)

1/2 + 1/2 + 1/2 + 1/2 + 1/2 + 1/2 + 1/2 + 1/2 = 4

Using the whole, half, quarter and eighth notes above, write your own rhythms in 4/4 time.
Mix up the rhythms. Be sure to add each measure up to 4 beats. Write the beat numbers under each note.

2 + 1 + 1/2 + 1/2 = 4

Beat numbers 1,2 3 4 +