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Counting Beats in 4/4 Time: Whole, Half, Quarter and Eighth Notes

Directions: All of these questions use 4/4 time. Count beats by adding note values. When an answer is not a whole number, type it as a decimal, such as 0.5.

1. In 4/4 time, how long does each note last? Match each note to its number of beats.

Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ whole note
2. _____ half note
3. _____ quarter note
4. _____ eighth note

A. 0.5 beat
B. 8 beats
C. 3 beats
D. 2 beats
E. 1 beat
F. 4 beats

2. A song is written in 4/4 time. What does the top number of that time signature tell you?

A. Each measure has 4 beats.
B. The song has 4 measures.
C. Each beat lasts 4 seconds.
D. A quarter note gets one beat.

3. In 4/4 time, Jamal taps a half note and then a quarter note on his drum. How many beats has he tapped so far?

_____ beats

4. In 4/4 time, choose the note name that makes each sentence true.

Word bank

eighth • whole • half • quarter

Two _____ notes last as long as one quarter note. Two _____ notes last as long as one half note. Two _____ notes last as long as one whole note.

5. In 4/4 time, how many eighth notes in a row would it take to fill one measure?

_____ eighth notes

6. Which of these 4/4 measures is complete, with no beats missing and none extra?

A. four eighth notes and a half note
B. a half note and two eighth notes
C. two half notes and an eighth note
D. a whole note and a quarter note

7. In 4/4 time, Lena's measure so far has three quarter notes and one eighth note. How many more beats does she need to finish it? Type your answer as a decimal.

_____ beat

8. In 4/4 time, a guitarist strums three eighth notes in a row. How many beats do those three notes last altogether? Type your answer as a decimal.

_____ beats

9. A short song in 4/4 time is 8 measures long, and every measure is full. How many beats long is the whole song?

_____ beats

10. In 4/4 time, a measure begins with a quarter note and two eighth notes. Which single note would fill the rest of the measure exactly?

A. a half note
B. a quarter note
C. a whole note
D. an eighth note