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Note Values, Rest Values, and Time Signatures

You were introduced to notes in a prior lesson. Recall that notes are little pieces of sound. You are now going to learn about note value. **Note value** tells us how long a note will be held. We can tell what the value of a note is by how the note looks.

Whole note



Half note



Quarter note



Eighth note



Sixteenth note



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Just like notes have value, rests also have value. A **rest** tells us how long a silence will last in a piece of music. Rests are found throughout music.

Whole rest



Half rest



Quarter rest



Eighth rest



Sixteenth rest



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To know how many beats a note or rest will be, we must first know what the time signature is. The **time signature** is composed of two numbers, one on top of the other. You will find this at the beginning of a piece of sheet music. The top number tells us how many beats there are in a measure of music. The lower number tells us the note value that represents one beat.

The time signatures you will most frequently encounter are $3/4$ and $4/4$. If you see a piece of music with a $3/4$ time signature, this means that there are three beats of music per measure and that the quarter note represents one beat. If you see a piece of music with a $4/4$ time signature, this means that there are four beats of music per measure and that the quarter note again represents one beat. The time signature that you see at the beginning of a piece of music will look like this:

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1. _____ tells us how long a note will be held.
2. The _____ is composed of two numbers, one on top of the other.
3. A _____ tells us how long a silence will last in a piece of music.
4. Draw an eighth note.
5. Draw a whole note.
6. Draw a quarter note.
7. Draw a half note.
8. Draw a sixteenth note.
9. If the time signature is $4/4$, how many beats does a quarter note represent? _____
10. If the time signature is $3/4$, how many beats does are in one measure?

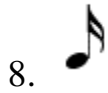
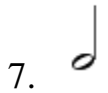
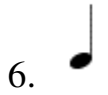
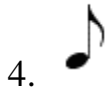
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Answers

1. note value
2. time signature
3. rest



9. one beat
10. three beats