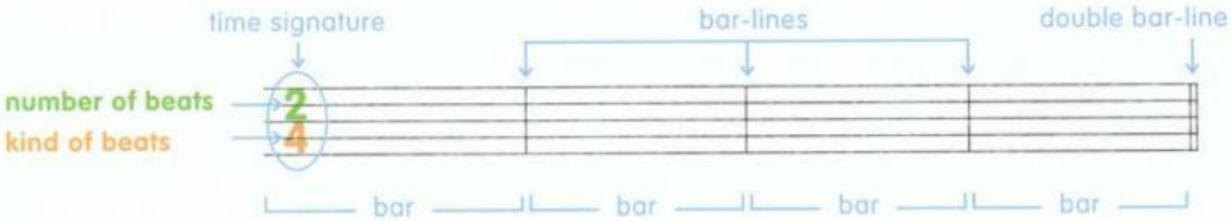
Bar-lines and Time Signatures

Time signatures contain two numbers; $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{4}{4}$ etc.

- The **top** number shows the **number of beats** in a bar.
- The **bottom** number shows the **kind of beats** in a bar.



Simple duple	Simple triple	Simple quadruple	Common time
$\frac{2}{4}$ ♩ ♩	$\frac{3}{4}$ ♩ ♩ ♩	$\frac{4}{4}$ ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩ or	𝄴 ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩
2 crotchet beats	3 crotchet beats	4 crotchet beats	4 crotchet beats

1 **Fill in crotchets** (quarter notes). **Complete the sentence.**

a) $\frac{2}{4}$ ♩ ♩ ‖ $\frac{2}{4}$ means 2 crotchet beats in a bar

b) $\frac{3}{4}$ ‖ $\frac{3}{4}$ means _____

c) $\frac{4}{4}$ ‖ $\frac{4}{4}$ means _____

d) $\frac{2}{4}$ ‖ $\frac{2}{4}$ means _____

e) 𝄴 ‖ 𝄴 means _____

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