

2. Rhythm (Grade 2) - Part 1

Time Signature with Minim Beats

The time signatures we met at Grade 1 all have the bottom number **4**, meaning that the beat is measured in **crotchets**.

$\frac{2}{4}$ = two  beats in a bar $\frac{3}{4}$ = three  beats in a bar $\frac{4}{4}$ = four  beats in a bar

We are now going to meet some time signatures that have the bottom number **2**, which means that the beat is measured in **minims**.



2/2 time signature example:

No. of beats: 1 2 1 2

Type of beat:    

2/2 means: 2 minims in a bar



3/2 time signature example:

No. of beats: 1 2 3 1 2 3

Type of beat:      

3/2 means: 3 minims in a bar



4/2 time signature example:

No. of beats: 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

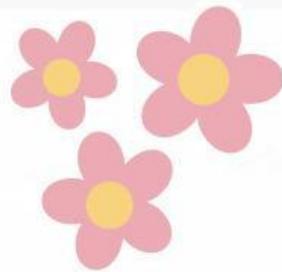
Type of beat:       

4/2 means: 4 minims in a bar

Exercise 2

Circle the correct time signature for each of these rhythms.

Smart tip Number the minim beats below the music to help.



2 2 4 2



2 2 3 4



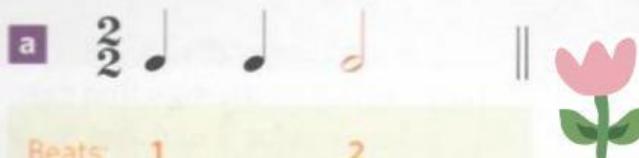
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2 2 3 4

Exercise 3

Number the minim beats and then add one note in each box to complete each bar.



Beats: 1 2



Beats:



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