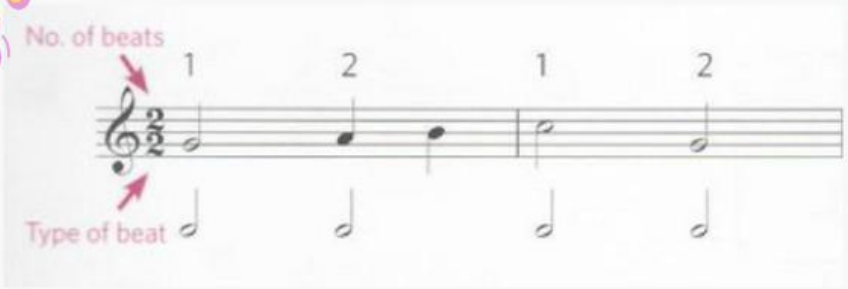2. Rhythm (Grade 2) - Part 1

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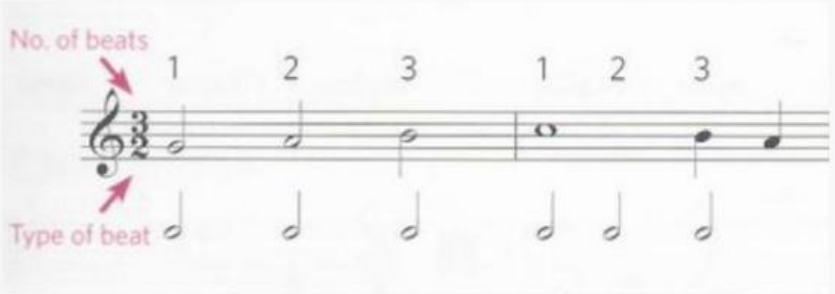
The time signatures we met at Grade 1 all have the bottom number **4**, meaning that the beat is measured in **crotchets**.

$\frac{2}{4}$ = two ♩ beats in a bar | $\frac{3}{4}$ = three ♩ beats in a bar | $\frac{4}{4}$ = four ♩ beats in a bar
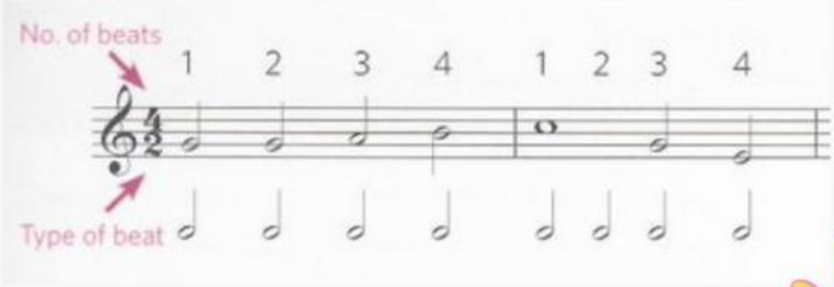
We are now going to meet some time signatures that have the bottom number **2**, which means that the beat is measured in minims.



2/2 means: 2 minims in a bar



3/2 means: 3 minims in a bar



4/2 means: 4 minims in a bar

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Exercise 2 Circle the correct time signature for each of these rhythms.

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

a 

$\frac{2}{2}$ $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{4}{2}$

b 

$\frac{2}{2}$ $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{2}$

c 

$\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{\text{¢}}{}$ $\frac{4}{2}$

d 

$\frac{2}{2}$ $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{4}{2}$

Exercise 3 Number the minim beats and then add **one** note in each box to complete each bar.

a 

Beats: 1 2

b

Beats:

c 

Beats:

d

Beats:

e 

Beats:

f

Beats:

g 

Beats:

h

Beats:

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