2ND EDITION

THEORY BOOK • PRIMER LEVEL

# Theory Answer Key

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THE BASIC PIANO METHOD

WRITING

GAMES

EYE-TRAINING

EAR-TRAINING



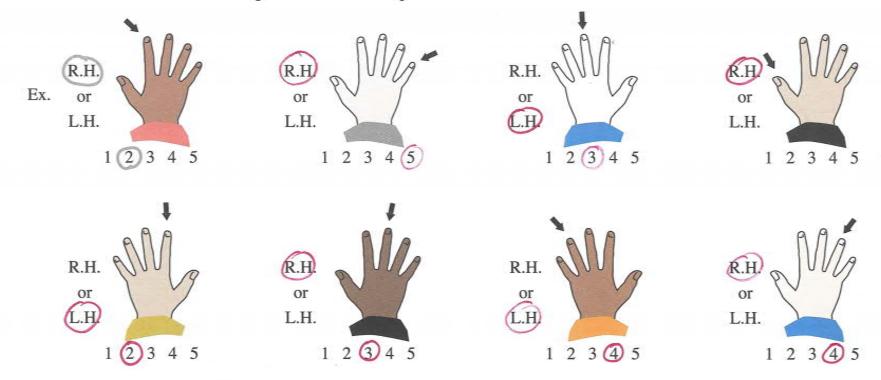


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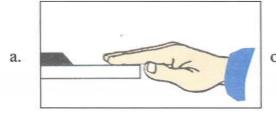


### Which Hand and Finger?

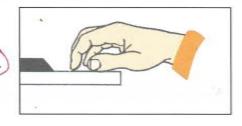
1. Circle the correct hand and finger number for each picture.



2. Circle the correct hand position.

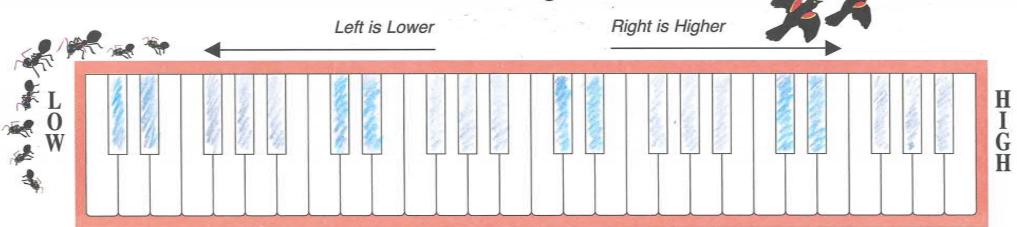


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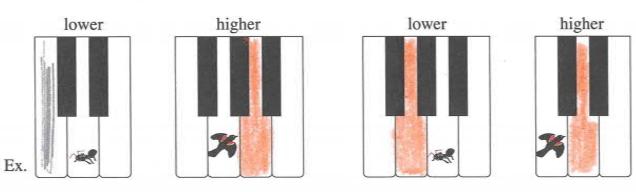
3. Place your own hands on the keyboard using a round hand shape.

### Low and High Sounds

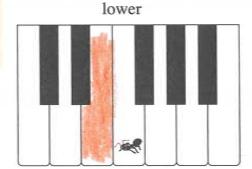


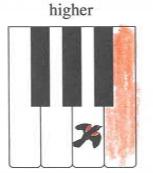
1. On the keyboard above, shade the groups of 2-black-keys from *lowest* to *highest*.

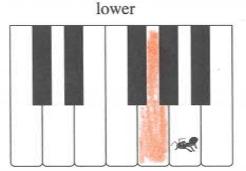
- 2. Now shade the groups of 3-black-keys from *lowest to highest*.
- 3. Shade the next white key higher or lower for each example.



Did you know that ants can lift 20 times their body weight?







Did you know that a blackbird's wings

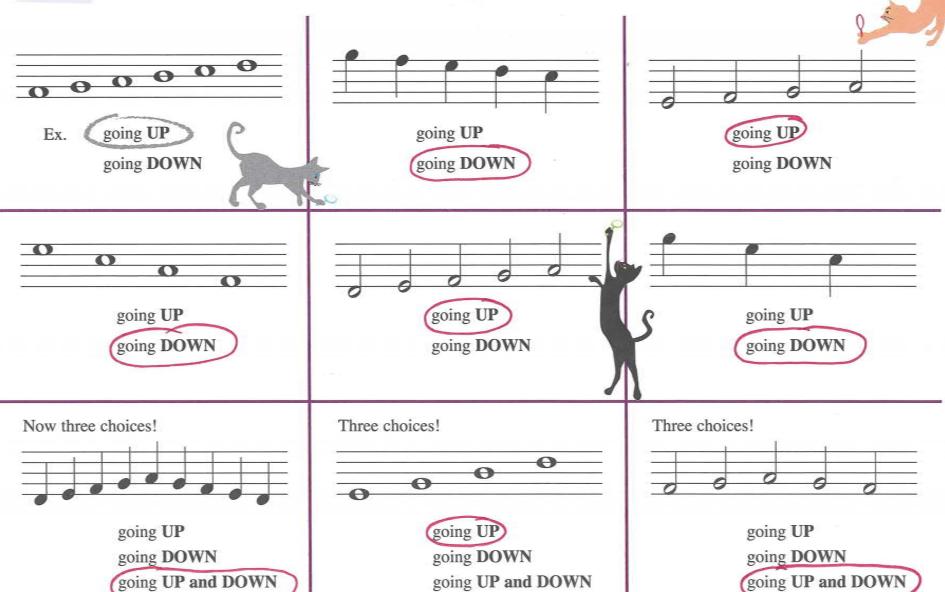
beat 6 times per second when they fly?



You will soon be reading music with notes that look like these. Look closely at the round noteheads. Is the music going UP or DOWN?

### **Inspect the Notes!**

**Directional Reading** 



Teacher Note: It is easy to spot whether notes are going UP or DOWN.

This builds confidence and prepares for note-reading to follow.

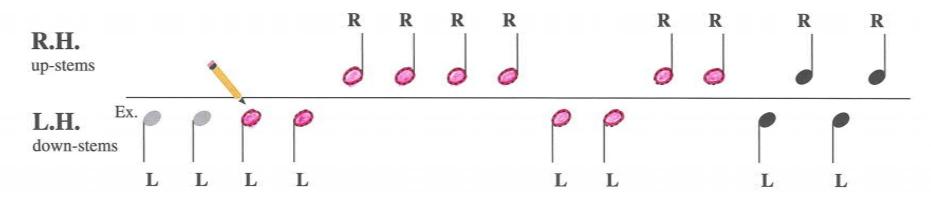


### The Quarter Note

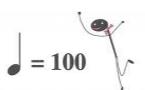


### Rhythm Call!

- 1. Shade in each empty note below to turn it into a quarter note.
- 2. Next, tap the rhythm on the closed keyboard lid. Chant "Left" or "Right" as you tap.

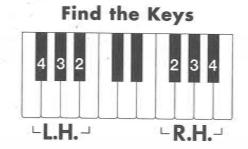


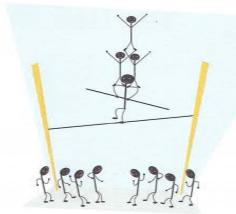
3. Your teacher may ask you to tap to the steady tick of the metronome. Circle the Quarter Note Guy when you complete each speed.





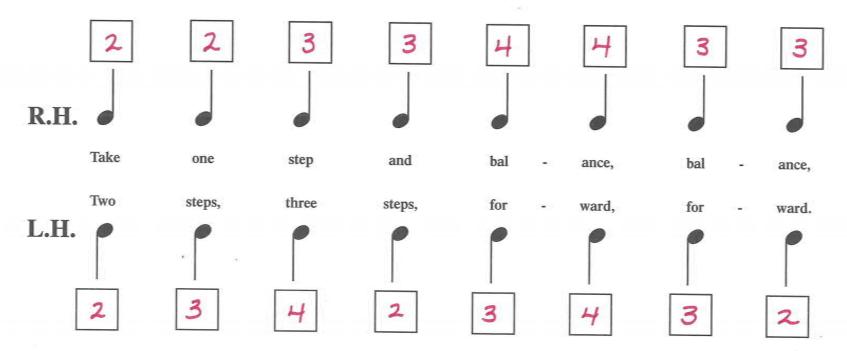
- · Compose a tune by writing finger numbers 2, 3, or 4 inside each box. Remember, you can use repeated notes.
- Play your tune!





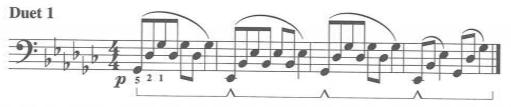
### Your High-Wire Tune

Answers Vary





Play HIGH on the keyboard for each duet. In which duet is the tightrope walker calm? In which is he a little dizzy?





#### The Whole Note

= 4 counts or beats

Count: 1 - 2 - 3 - 4

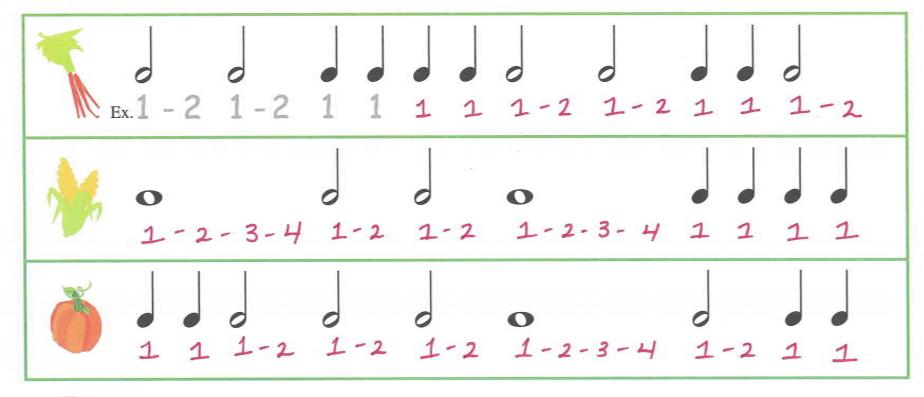


### Farmer, Count Your Bleats

**Rhythm Independence** 

• Write the counts under each note for the rhythms below.

• Now tap each rhythm, counting aloud.





#### Review (Units 1-2)



#### **Hidden Music Words**

**Review of Terms** 

#### WORDS TO FIND

#### Across

count

double bar line

musical pattern

quarter note

repeat sign

rhythm

whole note



#### Down

beat

forte

half note

improvisation

metronome

piano

round hand shape

thumb



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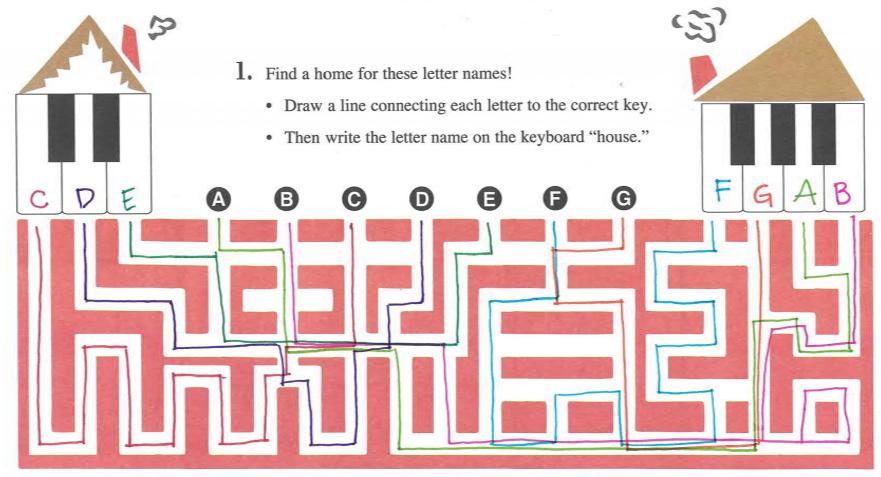




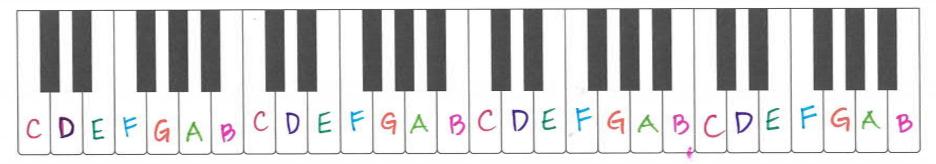


### A-MAZE-ING Keys — A B C D E F G

Learning the White Keys



2. Label each C, D, E, F, G, A, and B on the keyboard below.

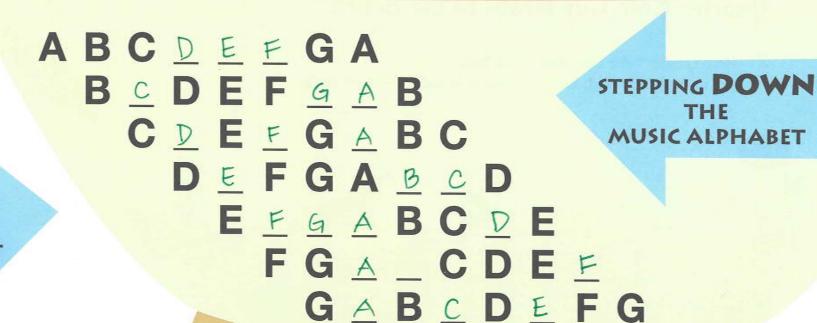


#### **Cookbook Steps**

- 1. Fill in the blanks with the missing letters.
- 2. Next, start with A on the LEFT. Point to each letter and say the music alphabet going UP by STEPS from A to A. Then continue B to B, etc.
- 3. Now start with A on the RIGHT. Point to each letter and say the music alphabet going **DOWN by STEPS** from A to A. Then continue B down to B, etc.

Let's Make Alphabet Soup!

**Music Alphabet Steps** 



STEPPING **UP**THE
MUSIC ALPHABET

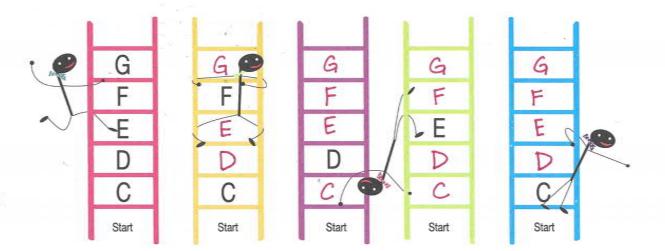
4. Can you choose any letter and do this activity with your eyes closed?

### C Scale Ladders

The C 5-Finger Scale

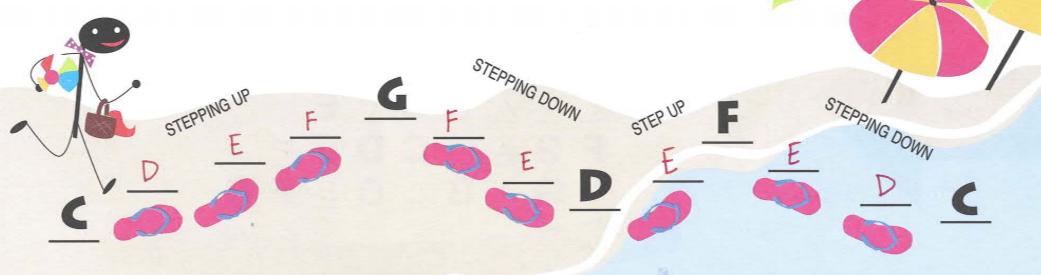
1. Complete each C scale ladder.
Begin on C and step up.

Cover up the red ladder as you write!



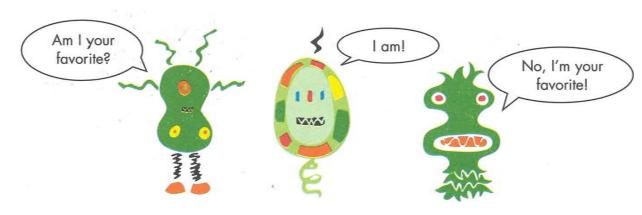
#### Quarter Note Guy Heads to the Beach

2. Help Quarter Note Guy step to the beach. Fill in the blanks with LETTER names in the C 5-finger scale.



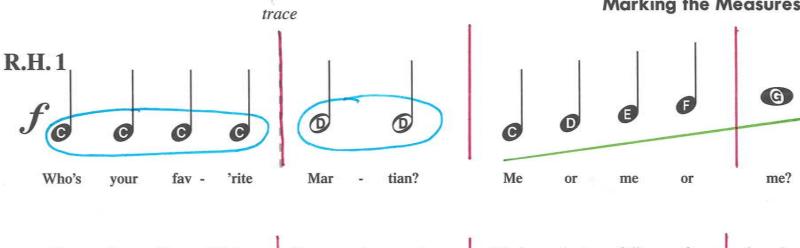
- 3. Place your right hand in the C 5-finger scale.
  Play the "stepping path," saying the letter names aloud.
- **4.** Now play with your **left hand** in the C 5-finger scale. Which finger starts?

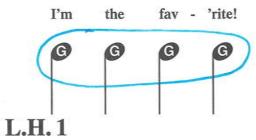
- 1. Divide the music into measures by drawing a bar line after every 4 beats.
- 2. Next, circle all the repeated notes.
- 3. Find the C 5-finger scale on the piano. Try out this Martian piece!

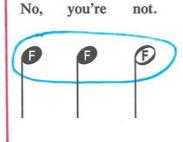


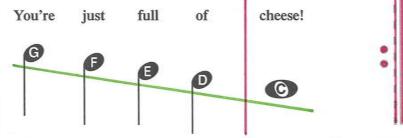
#### Who's Your Favorite Martian?

#### Marking the Measures









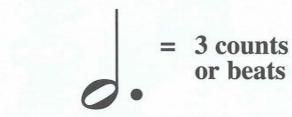
Trace the repeat sign. (thin line, thick line, and two dots)

#### Martian Musician

Can you make up your own Martian melody? Use the same words and choose any notes from the C 5-finger scale.



### The Dotted Half Note

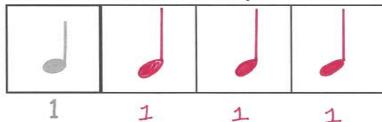


Count: 1 - 2 - 3

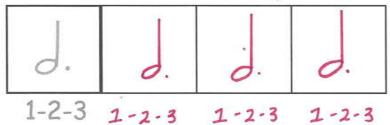
or Ta - ah - ah

1. Draw a quarter note in each box.

Write "1" below each note. Circle your best one!



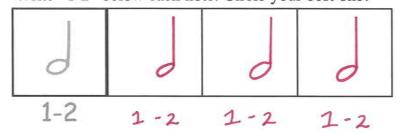
3. Draw a dotted half note in each box.
Write "1-2-3" below each note. Circle your best one!



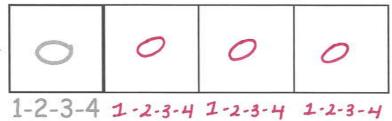


2. Draw a half note in each box.

Write "1-2" below each note. Circle your best one!



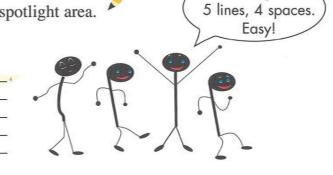
4. Draw a whole note in each box.
Write "1-2-3-4" below each note. Circle your best one!





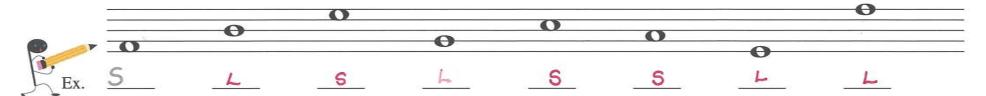


1. A staff has 5 LINES and 4 SPACES. Number each line and space in the shaded spotlight area.



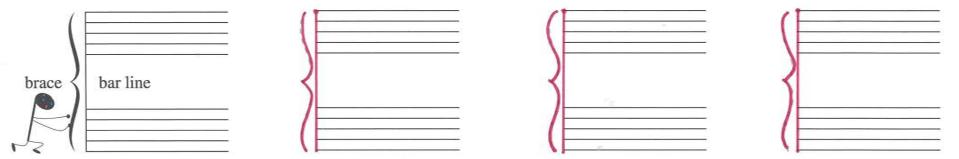
We've got it.

2. Notes can be written on the lines or in the spaces . Write L for line or S for space for each note below.



#### The Grand Staff

3. Complete the grand staffs by adding the bar line and tracing the brace.



#### Middle C

is on a short line just below the treble staff.

• Draw a Middle C.



#### Treble Clef G

is on LINE 2 of the treble clef.

• Draw a Treble G.



### A Twenty-Second Royal Song

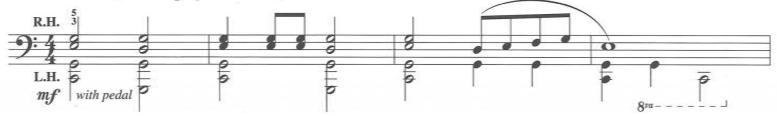
Improvising with Middle C and Treble G

- 1. Write each note name in the clock.
- 2. Now create a twenty-second song with the teacher duet.
  - Play measures 1-4 as shown.
  - Then *improvise* your own rhythms on **Middle** C and **Treble** G. End on C when your teacher tells you.





Teacher Duet: (Student plays as written)



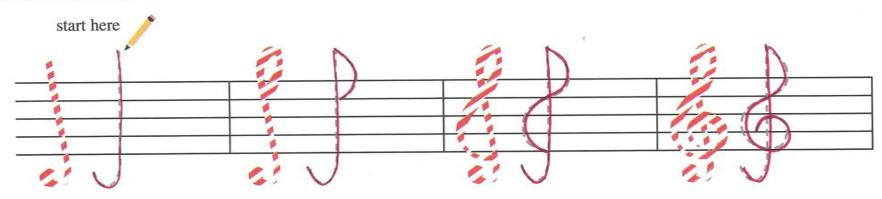
Now student improvises with Middle C and Treble G.



### The Treble Clef or G Clef



Treble clefs are fun to draw. Here is how. Trace the dotted lines.



1. Draw a candy cane or "J."

Make it begin above the staff and curve below line 1.

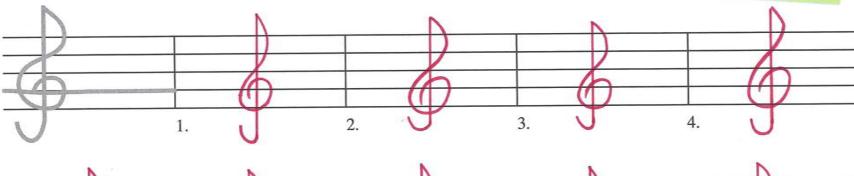
Draw a half-circle that crosses at line 4.

Swing to the left and curve down to line 1.

Curl around line 2 - the **G line**.

2. Now draw 9 G clefs on your own. Then trace over the G line for each example. Play this G on the piano.





### The Bass Clef or F Clef



Bass clefs are also fun to draw.

Imitate each step below.



Draw a large dot on line 4. (the second line from the top)

Draw a curving line to the right. Go to the top of the staff and then down to the bottom.

Draw 2 dots above and below line 4 - the F line.

2. Now draw 4 F clefs on your own. Then trace over the F line for each example. Play this F on the piano.



Draw a bass clef or treble clef to show how you think each animal would sing!

Hint:  $9^{\circ}$  = low sounds,  $6^{\circ}$  = high sounds.

a bluebird



a hummingbird









a lion



a horse





a kitten



#### Bass Clef F

is on LINE 4 of the bass staff (or Line 2 going down).

· Draw a Bass F.



#### Treble G Middle C Bass F

· Copy each note below.



This story reviews the three notes you have learned.

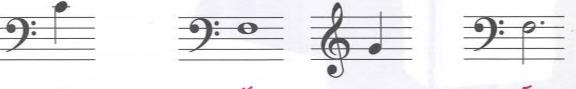
- Fill in the blanks to complete the story.
- Your teacher may ask you to play the notes.

### The Greatest Gadget

Bass F, Middle C, Treble G

Words by Jennifer MacLean





my <u>C</u> hores. We love this <u>F</u> unny "thin <u>G</u> y" but my story's <u>F</u> ar from over.



We just can't seem to turn it o F F and now its C hasin G Rover!



### **D-E-F** in the Treble Clef

• Draw each note below. Use whole notes.

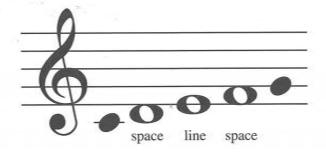






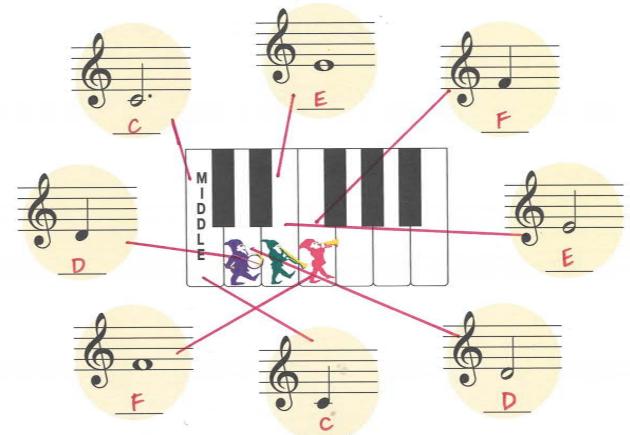
 Play each note above on the piano. The 3 notes between

Middle C and Treble G are: **D E F** 

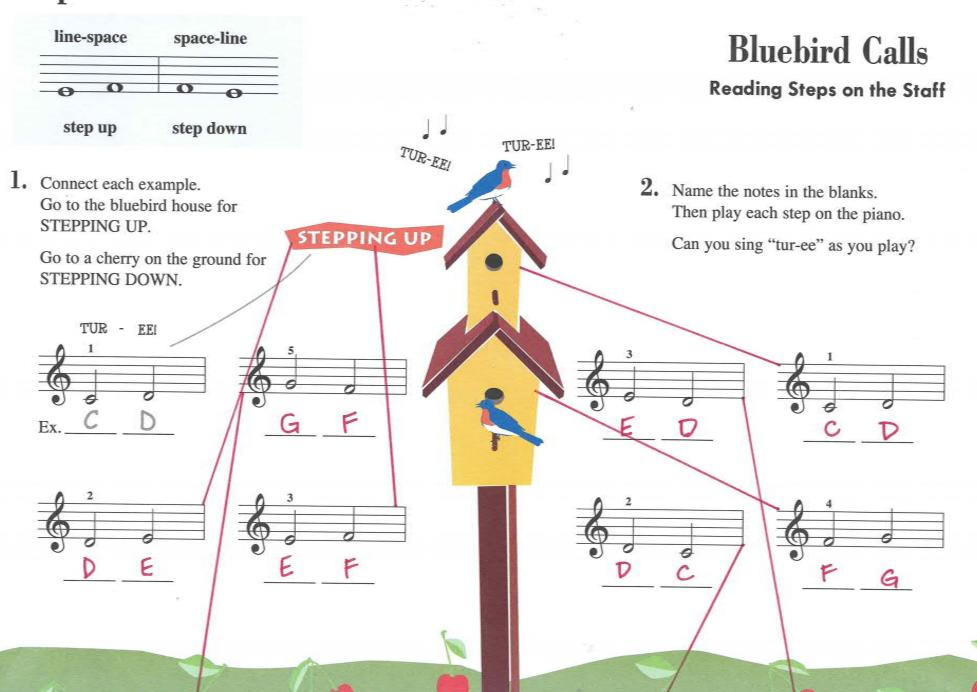


### Elves at Play

- 1. Name each note in the blank.
- 2. Then connect each note to the correct key on the elves' keyboard.



### Steps on the Staff



#### **Time Signature**

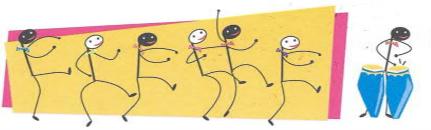
- 4 counts in a measure
- the quarter note gets 1 beat
- Draw this **time signature** below.

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• Write your own 4 rhythm in this empty measure.



Hint: The notes in the measure must add up to a total of 4 beats.



# Conga Line Rhythms 4/4 Rhythm Activity

Draw bar lines after every 4 counts for the rhythm below.
 Trace the double bar line at the end. Play the rhythm on any C—for CONGA!



2. Each measure is incomplete because there are LESS than 4 beats.

Complete each measure with a or or on the order of the



3. These measures are also incomplete. Complete each measure with a land of the complete of the surface of the complete of the





The examples below are in  $\frac{4}{4}$  time. Circle each INCORRECT measure.

Hint: There may be too many or too few counts.









### Asleep on the Lily Pads

C 5-Finger Scale Improvisation



- 1. Place your R.H. on a high **C** 5-finger scale.
- 2. Listen to the mood of the Teacher Duet.
- When you are ready, improvise a sleepy "frog lullaby."
- 4. To end, s-l-o-w down and stop on C. It's midnight.

  The frogs are asleep on the lily pads...

Teacher Duet: (Student plays high on the keyboard)



### Learning Bass Clef B

#### Baseball B's!

**New Note Recognition** 

#### **Bass Clef B**

is a SPACE note that sits on top of the bass staff.

· Draw a Bass B.



#### Treble G Middle C Bass F

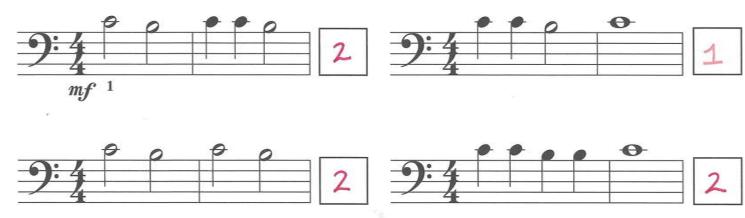
• Draw these 3 notes. (See p.25, if needed)



- 1. Shade the balls with bass clef B's.
- 2. How many baseballs do you have? 5



**3.** How many bass clef B's are in each short melody?



4. Sightread the music above. Create one long melody by linking one example to the next!

#### A New Time **Signature**

counts in a measure

the quarter note gets 1 beat

• Draw this time signature below.

• Write your own <sup>3</sup> rhythm in this empty measure.



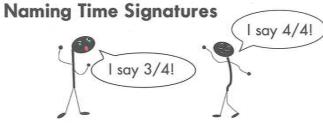
Hint: The notes in the measure must add up to a total of 3 beats.

### **Tricky Time Signatures**



Write the correct time signature at the beginning of each example.

Then play each rhythm, counting aloud.













Your teacher will play a short example. Circle whether it is in  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $\frac{4}{4}$ . Hint: Can you easily count 1 2 3, 1 2 3? Or, 1 2 3 4, 1 2 3 4?

1. 4 or 4 2. 4 or 4 3. 4 or 4

4. **4** or **4** 

For Teacher Use Only: The examples may be played in any order.

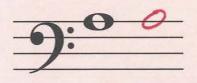




#### Bass Clef A

is the TOP LINE of the bass staff.

• Draw a Bass A.



#### Treble G Middle C Bass F

• Draw these 3 notes. (See p.25, if needed)

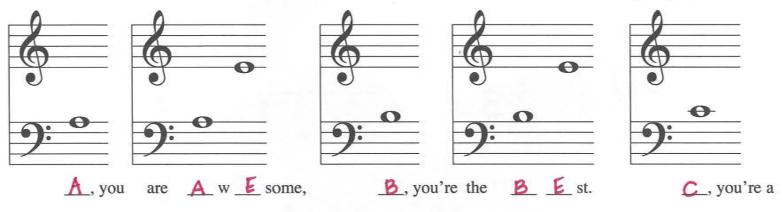


#### This story reviews the notes you have learned.

- Name the notes to complete the story.
- Then play each note on the keyboard.

# "A", You Are Awesome A Poem for a Rodeo Horse

Words by Crystal Bowman

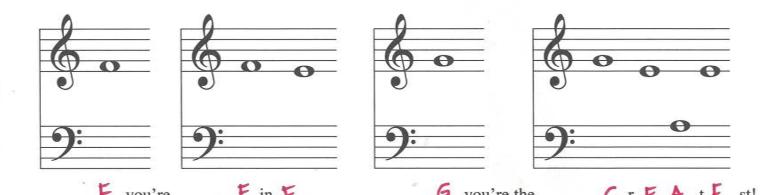






D, you're the D E A rest.





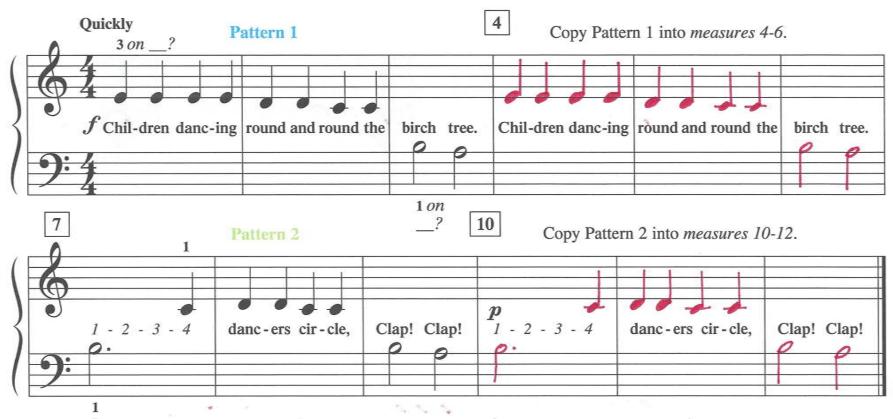
### The Patterns of Russian Folk Song

**Copying Musical Patterns** 

This famous song has 2 main melody patterns.

- 1. Pattern 1 is shaded BLUE. Pattern 2 is shaded GREEN.
- 2. Copy each pattern as neatly as you can in the blank measures.





3. Your teacher may ask you to write the letter names below the notes.

#### Bass Clef G

is the TOP SPACE of the bass staff.

• Copy Bass G.



#### Treble G Middle C Bass F

• Draw these 3 notes. (See p.25, if needed)



#### **Bass Clef Parade**

**Note Reinforcement** 







1. Draw a bass clef.

Now draw a whole note on bass clef G.



2. Draw a bass clef.
Draw a whole note on bass clef A.



3. Draw a bass clef.
Draw a whole note on bass clef F.



4. Draw a bass clef.

Draw two quarter notes on bass clef B.



Draw a bass clef.Draw three quarter notes on bass clef A.



**6.** Draw a bass clef. Draw two half notes on bass clef B.



Draw a bass clef. Draw a whole note on bass clef B.



Remember, sightreading means "reading music at first sight." Follow these hints!

ORRECT HAND PLACEMENT

OUNT - OFF

ONCENTRATE

Find the correct starting note.

Set a steady tempo before starting to play: "1 - 2 - ready - play."

Focus your eyes on the noteheads. Feel a steady beat.















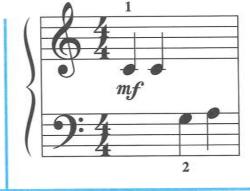




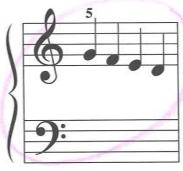
Circle the measure that matches the **alphabet letters on the left.**Sightread each row of measures going across to create a parade tune.

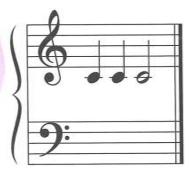
### **Two Parade Tunes**

GFED

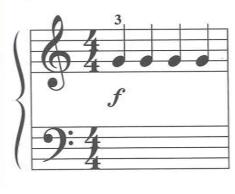








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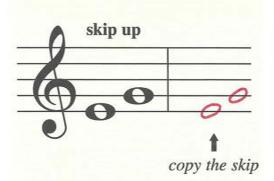


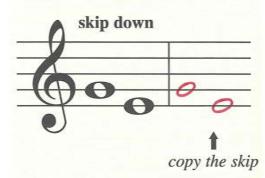


Your teacher will play one measure from each line. Listen carefully and circle the measure you hear.



# Skips on the Staff line to the next line



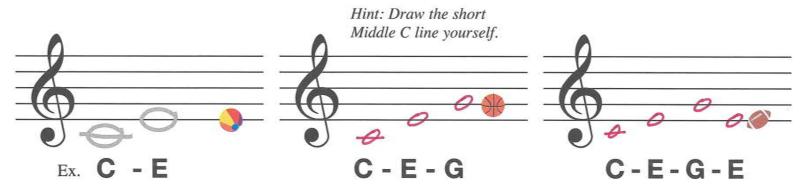


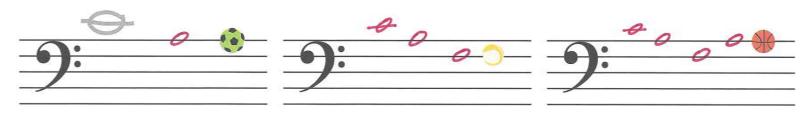
Remember: skip a **key** skip a **finger** (1-3) skip a **letter name** (C-E)

 Can you close your eyes and recite this?

# Hey, Hey, Skip to the Ball! Line-to-Line Skips

- Draw skips to match the letter names.
   If they are all correct, you will land on the colorful ball!
- 2. Play the skips on the piano.





C - A

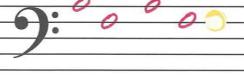
C - A - F

C-A-F-A



G-E-C-E





A-F-A-F

# F Y E

#### • Draw a WHOLE NOTE on Middle C, E, or G in each measure.

# Allegro Ride of Pegasus

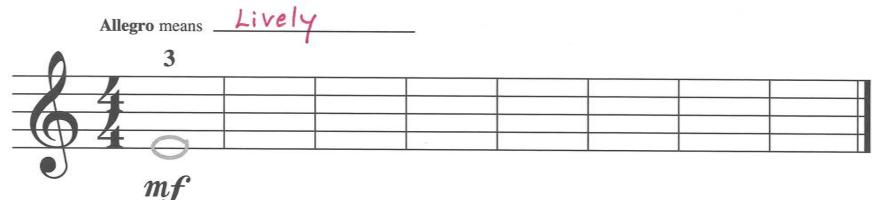
Composing with Skips

• Use fingers 1-3-5 and play your melody with the teacher duet.

#### You choose!









#### **Half Note Variation**

Play your music again with this rhythm change. Play two half notes instead of one whole note for each measure.

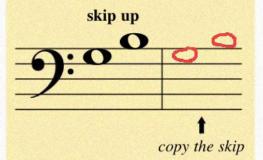
#### Teacher Duet for WHOLE NOTES and HALF NOTES: (Student plays as written)



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100 W 100 MW

# More About Skips space to the next space



skip down



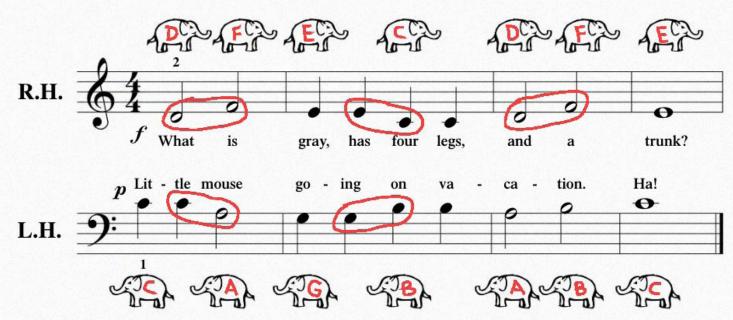
· Can you fill in the blanks?

(The answers are on p.36)

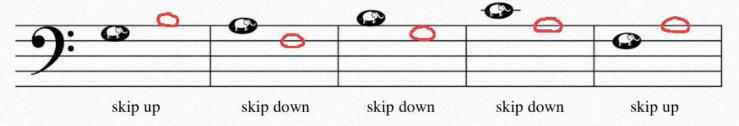


# An Elephant Joke Reading Space-to-Space Skips

- 1. Circle the **skips** in each melody. Write the note name in each elephant.
- 2. Sightread both melodies.



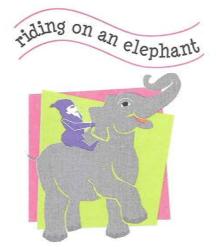
**3.** Draw a **skip** from the elephant notes below. Use a whole note.

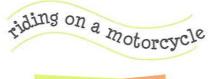




### Place your R.H. on the C 5-finger scale (thumb on Middle C). Close your eyes and LISTEN!

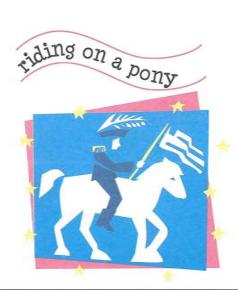
- Your teacher will play an example on a lower C scale that uses **skips**. Play back what you hear!
- Each time you finish *four* examples, circle one musical character. (Teacher Note: This activity may be repeated over several lessons.)





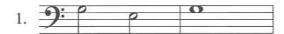






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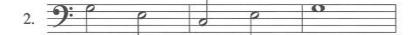


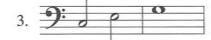




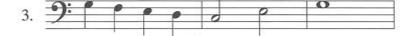






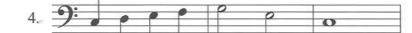
















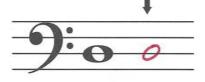
### **Keychain Notes**

**New Note Recognition** 

#### **Bass Clef D**

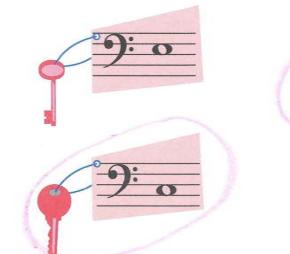
is on LINE 3 of the bass staff.

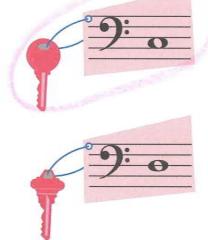
· Copy Bass D.

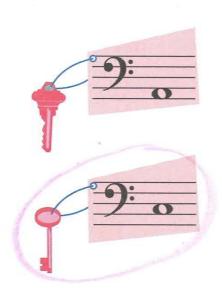


Hey, diddle, diddle, D's in the middle.

1. Circle each keychain with a Bass C.







#### **Bass Clef C**

is on SPACE 2, a step below **Bass D**.

· Copy Bass C.



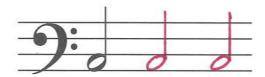
2. Draw two o's on Bass C.



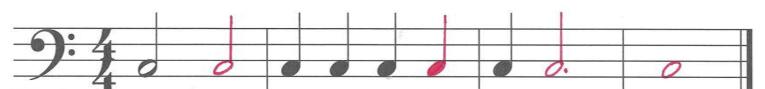
Draw two son Bass C.



Draw two d's on Bass C.



3. Notice the time signature. Use one Bass C to complete each measure below.

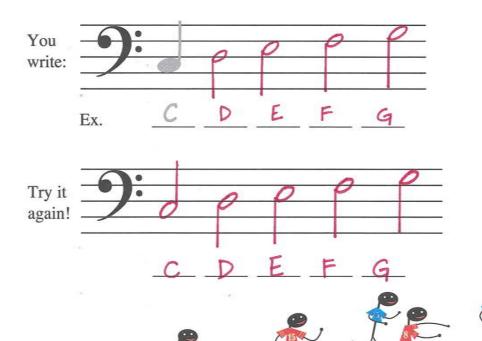


#### C 5-Finger Scale in the Bass Clef



1. Use the example above to help you write the C 5-finger scale in the bass staff.

Notice the stem on Bass C goes UP. The stems on D E F G go DOWN.



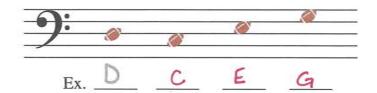
#### Score a Touchdown!

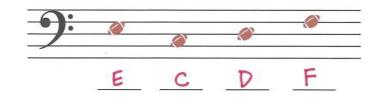
#### **New Note Recognition**

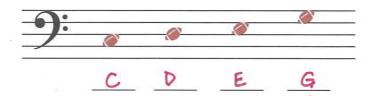
Use this winning strategy for notes in the bass clef:

Hey, diddle, diddle, D's in the middle. E's a step ABOVE. Hey, diddle, diddle, D's in the middle. C's a step BELOW.

2. Write the letter name of each football on the staff. Name them all to score a touchdown!





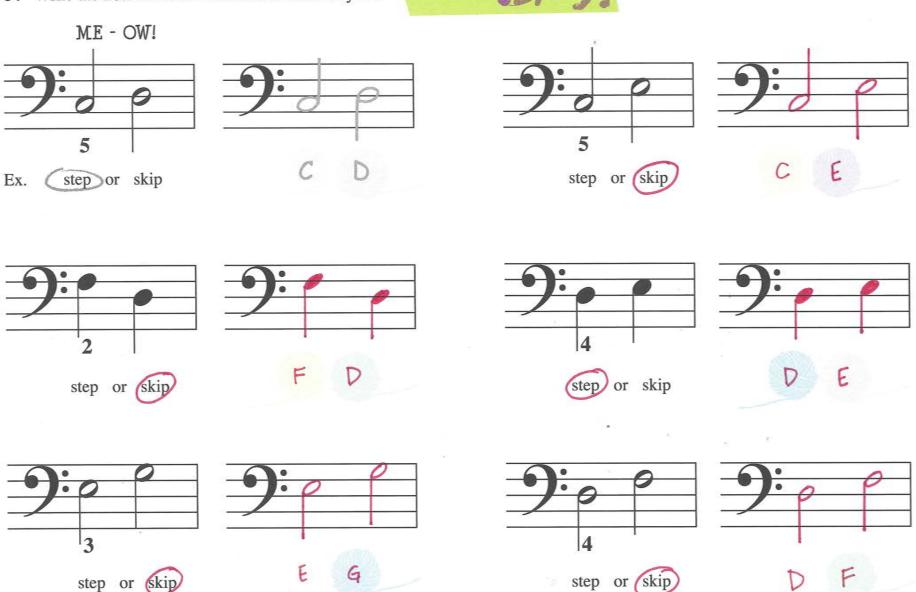




- 1. Circle step or skip for each cat "me-ow."
- 2. Copy each example as neatly as you can.
- 3. Write the note names in the colorful balls of yarn.



# Copycat Meows! Steps and Skips in the C Scale



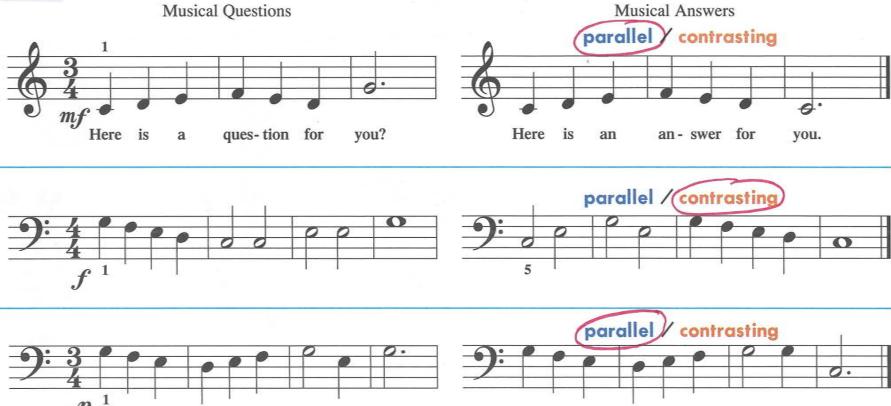
A. Vous too shor may only you to play those stone and skins on the pign



Play each musical question and answer.

Then circle **parallel** or **contrasting** for each answer.

### **Questions and Answers**





Your teacher will play a question followed by an answer.

Listen carefully and circle parallel or contrasting for the music you hear.

- 1. parallel / contrasting
- 2. parallel / contrasting
- 3. parallel / contrasting

For Teacher Use Only: Play the questions below and create your own parallel or contrasting answers.





## Let's Buy Lemonade

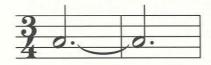
Counting the Tie

#### The Tie

A tie is a curved line connecting two notes on the *same* line or space.



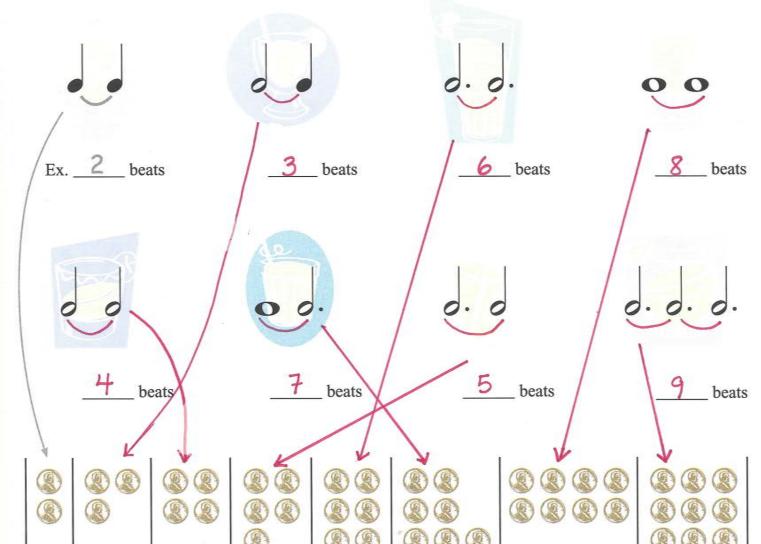
A tie means the note will be played *once* but held for the length of both notes combined.



count: 1 - 2 - 3 1 - 2 - 3

Pretend you are buying a glass of lemonade. Each beat = one penny.

- 1. Connect these notes with a tie. Write the total number of beats for each tie.
- 2. Now connect each glass of lemonade to the matching number of pennies below.



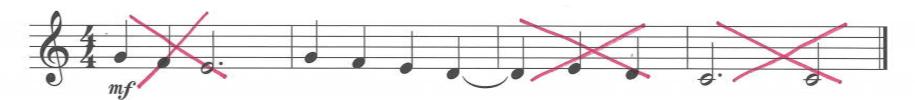


Spot the measures that are "lemons" (incorrect) and draw a big X through each.

Hint: There may be too many or too few beats.

### **Tricky Measures**

**Counting the Beats** 







- 1. Place your L.H. on the C 5-finger scale on the piano. Close your eyes. Your teacher will play a set of notes on a lower C scale.
- 2. Feel the rhythm and play back what you hear.

All Ears!

Ear-training with the Tie

For Teacher Use Only: Play an octave lower. The examples may be repeated several times. The teacher may create more examples on his/her own.







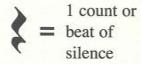








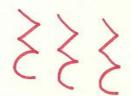
#### **Quarter Rest**



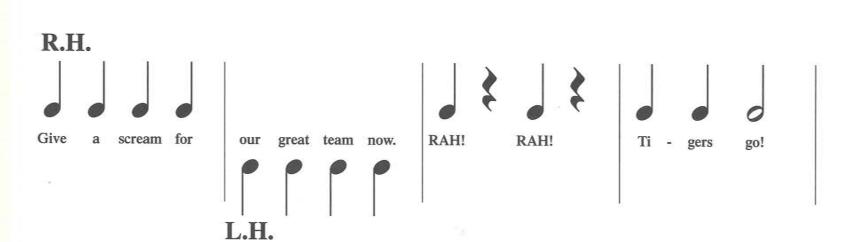
1. Trace these rests.



2. Draw three rests of your own.







L.H.

#### **Final Review**

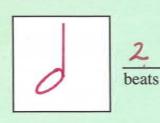
### The Bugle Boys Quiz



1. Number the fingers.



2. Can you draw a quarter note?



3. Can you draw a half note?



4 beats

4. Can you draw a whole note?



5. Can you put these marks in order from softest to loudest?

mf f p

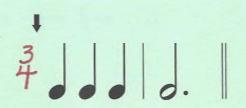


6. Can you name the white keys?



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7. Can you draw a dotted half note?



8. Can you write the **time signature**?



9. Step or skip? (circle)

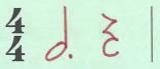


10. Step or skip? (circle)



11. How many beats?

6 beats



12. Write a measure of  $\frac{4}{4}$  time. Include a quarter rest!