



Eighth (8th) Notes

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A single eighth note has a *flag*.



2 eighth notes = 1 quarter note

Two (or more) eighth notes are connected by a beam.

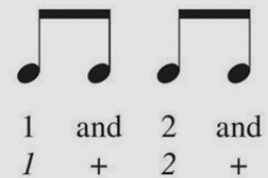


Think of quarter notes as *walking* notes and eighth (8th) notes as *running* notes.

Counting Eighth Notes

For rhythms with **eighth notes**, each beat is *divided* into two equal parts. In the rhythms below, each eighth note receives one-half beat.

- Tap (or clap) the rhythms below while counting aloud.
- Count the 8th note between the beats using the word “and” (written “+”).
- Choose any key on the piano and play each rhythm, counting aloud.



1 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 2 + 3 +

Say: “One and two and three and”

Notice four eighth notes are often beamed together.



1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +



DISCOVERY

Clap each rhythm with the metronome ticking at : ♪ = 72 ♪ = 88 ♪ = 104