

2 Minute Music Theory

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*Attitudes are contagious. Are yours worth catching?**Anonymous*

The **meter or time signature** is found at the beginning of a piece of music right after the clef sign. The time signature determines the number of beats in each measure and what kind of note gets one beat.



The top number in a time signature tells: **how many** beats are in each measure.

The bottom number tells: **what kind** of note gets one beat.

In the above time signature, the top 4 tells us that there are 4 beats in a measure and the bottom 4 represents a quarter note getting one beat.

For each time signature below, fill in the blanks to show how many beats are in each measure and what kind of note gets one beat.

2 _____ how many beats in a measure
2 _____ what kind of note gets one beat

3 _____ how many beats in a measure
4 _____ what kind of note gets one beat

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6 _____ how many beats in a measure
8 _____ what kind of note gets one beat

2 _____ how many beats in a measure
4 _____ what kind of note gets one beat

6 _____ how many beats in a measure
4 _____ what kind of note gets one beat

What does the top number in a meter signature tell us?

What does the bottom number in a meter signature tell us?
