

2 Minute Music Theory

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It's not what happens to you that determines how far you will go in life; it is how you handle what happens to you.

Zig Ziglar

Once you know how many beats are in each measure and what kind of note gets one beat, you can count each measure according to the time signature. For example the following measures each have 4 beats in them. A bar line is placed after the 4th beat to mark the measure. The next beat starts over with 1 again.

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1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4

In each example below write the counts under each note. Then place bar lines to mark the correct number of beats for each measure according to the time signature.

One point per bar line or note counted.

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1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4

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1 2 3 | 1 2 3 | 1 2 3 | 1 2 3 | 1 2 3 | 1 2 3

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1 2 | 1 2 | 1 2 | 1 2 | 1 2 | 1 2 | 1 2