Blank Rhythm Staff Paper: Percussion Clef and Beat-Box Guide

Worked example / complete source key

Write a four-beat measure in which beat 1 is a quarter note, beat 2 is a quarter note, beat 3 is a quarter note, and beat 4 is a quarter note. Then write a second measure in which beat 1 is a quarter note tied from beat 4 of the first measure, beat 2 is a quarter note, and beats 3 and 4 are a half note. State the tied sound's total duration.

Answer: Measure 1: quarter note on beat 1 (1 beat), quarter note on beat 2 (1 beat), quarter note on beat 3 (1 beat), quarter note on beat 4 (1 beat). Total = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4 beats. Measure 2: quarter note on beat 1 tied from the quarter note on beat 4 of measure 1 (1 beat), quarter note on beat 2 (1 beat), half note on beats 3 and 4 (2 beats). Measure 2 total = 1 + 1 + 2 = 4 beats. The tied sound across the bar line is a quarter note plus a quarter note, lasting 2 beats total. Check: measure 1 sums to 4, measure 2 sums to 4, and the tie adds 1 + 1 = 2 beats across the bar line.