

Counting Rhythms in Music

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Four-four time using quarters, eighths & sixteenths



Pie pie pie pie piz-za piz-za piz-za piz-za pie pie pie pie piz-za pie piz-za pie



pep - per - on - i piz - za piz - za piz - za pep - per - on - i piz - za piz - za pie

1. Pizza Exercise

A

Use the pizza pie words to say these rhythms



B



2. Number Exercise

C

Use numbers instead of words



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



D



Value of Sixteenth Notes

1 e + a 2 e + a 3 e + a 4 e + a

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

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Notice how the numbers and the "and" line up above.
 Counting sixteenths in this way really helps match them up with their equivalent eighth notes or quarter notes.

3. Pizzas in three quarter time:

Pie pie piz - za pie pie piz - za pie pie pie PIE.....

Pie piz - za pep - per - on - i pie pie pie pep - per - on - i piz - za piz - za pie pie pie PIE.....

E

Use the pizza pie words to say these rhythms

F

4. Counting with Numbers

1 + 2 + 3 + 1+ 2+ 3+ 1+ 2+ 3 + 1 + 2 + 3+ 1+ 2 e & a 3 +

1+ 2+ 3 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 1+ 2+ 3 + 1 + 2+ 3+ 1 e & a 2 + 3 + 1+2+3+

G

Exercises

H

I

J

K

5. Feta Cheese & Red Peppers

red pep - per red pep - per piz - za piz - za

Fe ta cheese fe ta cheese piz - za piz - za

6. Ties that tie notes together

Definition: A tie binds together two notes of the same pitch

goeey cheese on piz - za piz - za

goeey cheese on pep - per - on - i pie

Ties can be written as dotted notes too:

If you write a dot after a note it is short-hand for "add half the value of that note".
 A dot after a quarter note takes the place of a tied eighth note.
 Example: a dotted quarter note equals a quarter note plus a tied eighth note

goeeycheese on piz - za piz - za

goeeycheese on piz - za pie

goeeycheese on pep - per - on - i piz - za

goeeycheese on red pep - per pie

7. Counting ties & dots & pizza

gooeycheese on piz - za pie

gooeycheese on pep - per - on - i piz - za

gooeycheese and piz - za pie

Pie pie red pep - per piz - za

gooeycheese on piz - za pie

pie piz - za fe - ta cheese piz - za

piz - za piz - za piz - za pie!

