

READING (and writing) THE BEATS...

A	1	2	3	4
B	1+	2+	3+	4+
C	1	2	3+	4
D	1+	2	3+	4
E	1	2+	3+	4
F	1+	2+	3	4
G	1	.	3	4
H	.	2	.	4
I	.	.	3	4
J	1	.	.	4
K	1	.	.	.
L	1	.	3+	4
M	.	2+	3	4
N	.	.	3+	4+
O	1+	.	.	4
P	.	2+	.	4+
Q	1+	2	.	.
R	1+	2+	3	.
S	.	.	3+	4
T	1+	2+	.	.
U	1	2+	.	4
V	1	.	3+	4+
W	.	.	.	4+
X	.	2+	.	4+
Y	1+	.	.	.
Z	1	.	3+	4

Each of these is just one BAR of 4 BEATS

Many beats have just 1 sound.

Some beats have 2 quick sounds

Some beats may be silent

A single beat can be written like this



in Europe it is called a crotchet.

In America and some other countries it is called a quarter note.

Two quick notes that equal

one beat are written like this:



They are called quavers or eighth notes.

A single quaver may look like this:



One beat of silence (a rest) looks like this.

We will learn to play all these variations on four beats.

The patterns can be written in symbols like these:

X = one beat, xx = two quick beats, O = silent.

X xx O

Can you identify these patterns? (Letter to the right.)

X	xx	xx	X	
X	O	xx	X	
xx	O	O	X	
O	xx	O	xx	

Or in notation



Form a small group and play different percussion patterns at the same time.

Can you identify each instrument?

- Bass drum
- Bongos
- Cabasa
- Castanets
- Claves
- Conga
- Cow bell
- Djembe
- Guiro
- Hi hat
- Lagerphone
- Maracas
- Sleigh bells
- Tambourine
- Triangle
- Woodblock



Percussion instruments are played by hitting, shaking or scraping.

Can you invent one from waste materials around home?

Decorate it to make it attractive

(Like a couple of those in the picture)

Make one and draw it in the box:

Try and make it MORE ORIGINAL

than pebbles in a bottle.

Which instrument from the picture is probably home made?



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