










# How We Count Music

Below are some of the notes we use in music. Each note has a name and a value or length. Here are their American names and values in 4/4 time:

quarter note		(ta)	1 beat
eighth note		(ti)	1/2 beat
eighth note pair		(ti-ti)	1 beat
dotted quarter note		(ta-a ti)	1 1/2 beats
half note		(ta-a)	2 beats
dotted half note		(ta-a-a)	3 beats
whole note		(ta-a-a-a)	4 beats

A rest is a silence. For every note, there is a rest of equal value. Here are some rests we will use in our music:

quarter rest		1 beat
half rest		2 beats

Music is written so that we read it from left to right and top to bottom, just as we read a book. Our music is divided into sections called **measures** or **bars**. Measures are separated by **bar lines**. A **double bar line** is placed at the end of a song.

