Introduction To MUSIC Part 2

When we read from a book, a newspaper or a webpage, we read <u>WORDS</u>, just like you are doing now.

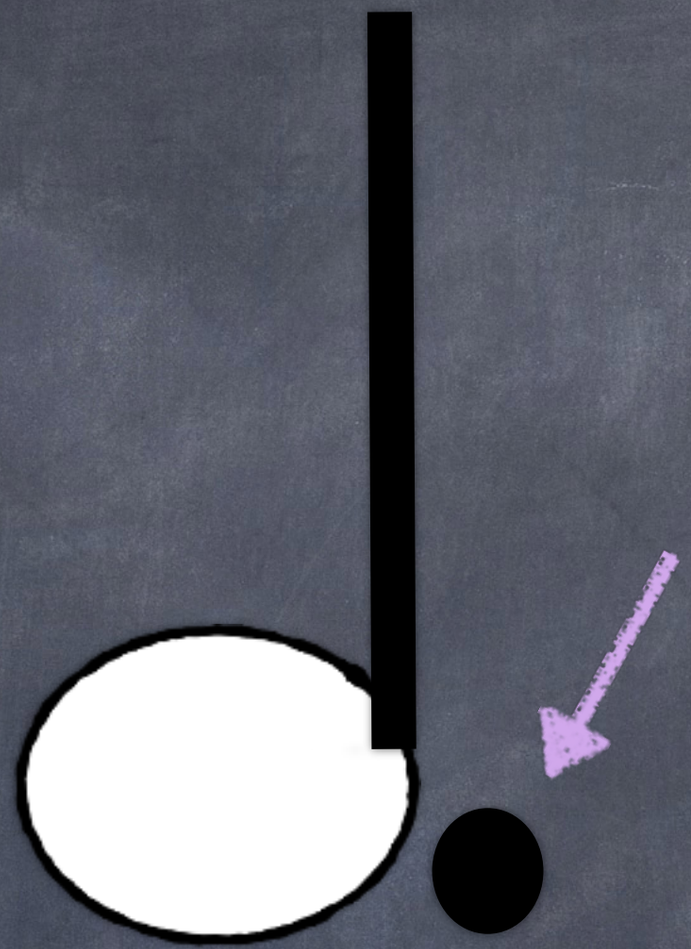
And we can also read MUSIC!

But when we read music, we read in <u>NOTES</u> and <u>SYMBOLS</u>.

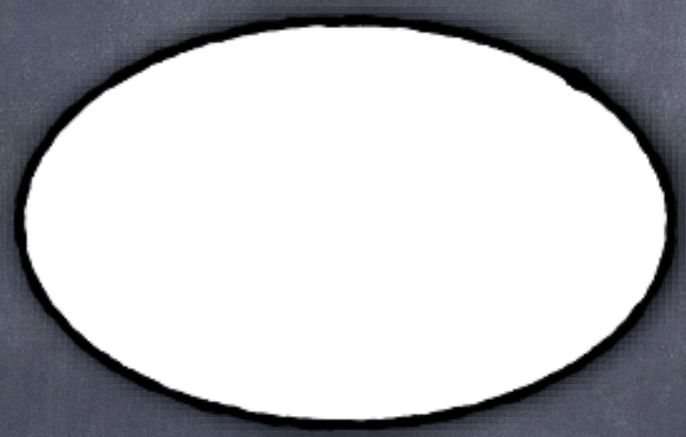
Here's how…

This 'note' is called a CROTCHET or a quarter note.
It is worth 1 beat.
(I'll explain what that means later)

This note is called a MINIM or a
half note.
It is worth 2 beats.
(See that the circle is white)



This note is called a
DOTTED MINIM or a
dotted half note.
It is worth 3 beats.
(See the 'dot' next to the note)



This note is called a SEMIBREVE or a whole note.
It is worth 4 beats.
(It has no tail and looks like a squashed circle)

Beats are like claps

Can you clap your hands and count to 4?

Let's have a go!

Whenever you see the word "clap", that is when you clap your hands.

Say the numbers out loud as you clap your hands

1	2	3	4
clap	clap	clap	clap
1	2	3	4
clap	clap	clap	clap

That's excellent!

You have just clapped the 'beats' for CROTCHET notes!

Let's add the crotchet notes now

1	2	3	4
clap 1	clap 2	clap 3	clap 4
clap	clap	clap	clap

Whenever you see the word "clap", that is when you clap your hands.

Say the numbers out loud as you clap your hands

1	2	3	4
clap		clap	
1	2	3	4
clap		clap	

Amazing!

You have just clapped the 'beats' for MINIM notes!

Let's add the minim notes now and keep saying the numbers out loud

1 2 1 2

clap clap

1 2 1 2

clap clap

Whenever you see the word "clap", that is when you clap your hands.

Say the numbers out loud as you clap your hands

1 2 3

clap

1 2 3

clap

You did it!

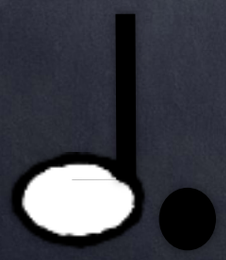
You have just clapped the 'beats' for
DOTTED MINIM
notes!

Let's add the dotted minim notes now and keep saying the numbers out loud

1 2 3

clap

1 2 3



clap

Whenever you see the word "clap", that is when you clap your hands.

Say the numbers out loud as you clap your hands

1 2 3 4

clap

1 2 3 4

clap

Well done!

You have just clapped the 'beats' for semibreve notes!

Say the numbers out loud as you clap your hands

1 2 3 4

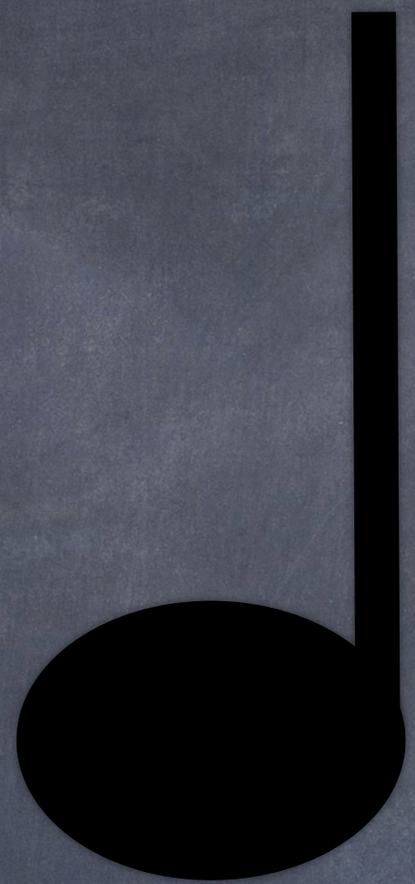
clap

1 2 3 4

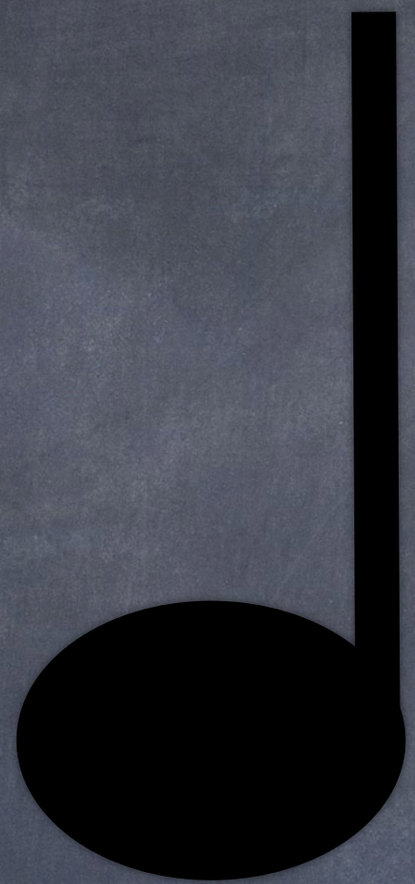
clap

Notes and Beats

		1	2	3	4
CROTCHET					
MINIM		2			
DOTTED MINIM		2	3		
SEMIBREVE		2	3	4	



Here is the crotchet.
Can you clap out the note and count the number?



1

clap

Here is the minim.
Can you clap out the note and count the number?

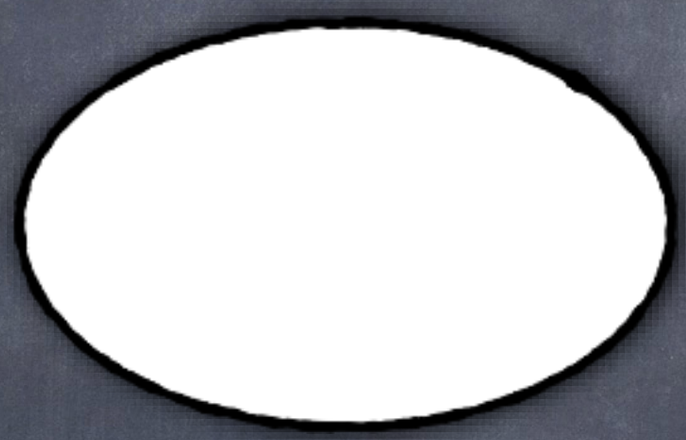
1 2

clap

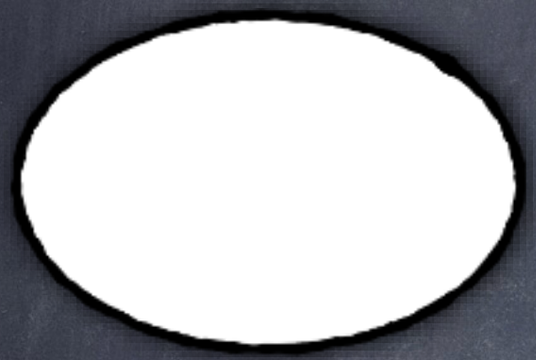
Here is the dotted minim.
Can you clap out the note and count the number?

1 2 3

clap



Here is the semibreve.
Can you clap out the note and count the number.



1 2 3 4

clap