

# RHYTHM PIZZA

A time signature tells you how many beats there are per measure in the music. It's the thing that looks like a fraction at the beginning of the piece. The most common time signature is 4/4 time, meaning there are four beats per measure, and the quarter note equals one beat. Measures are divided by barlines, the vertical, straight lines in the example below. A double barline signifies the end of the piece.

1 2  
3 4

A **whole note** lasts the whole measure of **four** beats.

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

A **half note** lasts **two** beats, or half of the measure.



A **quarter note** lasts **one** beat, or one quarter of the measure.

$$4 \times 2 = 8$$

An **eighth note** lasts for **one half** a beat, so there are two per beat, and eight of them per measure.

4  
4



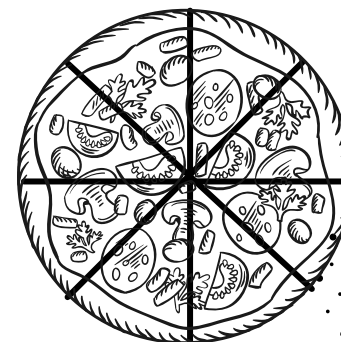
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