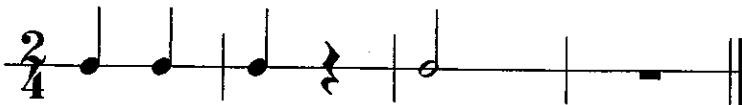


$\frac{2}{4}$ Time Signature

In $\frac{2}{4}$ time: $\frac{2}{4}$ means there are 2 beats per measure.
 $\frac{4}{4}$ means the quarter note \bullet receives 1 beat.

$\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{4}$ both have 4 as the bottom number, meaning a quarter note \bullet receives 1 beat.
 The difference is that $\frac{2}{4}$ has 2 beats per measure while $\frac{4}{4}$ has 4.

In $\frac{2}{4}$ time: \bullet or $\}$ = 1 beat $\frac{2}{4}$ 

\bullet or — = 2 beats* Count: 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2

*A whole rest — is used for a full measure of rest, even if there are only 2 beats in each measure.
 In writing music, a half rest and a whole note are never used in $\frac{2}{4}$ time.

Exercises

- 1** Complete the measures using notes and rests. Count and clap.



- 2** Circle the measures with the incorrect number of beats.



- 3** Draw bar lines and a double bar in the correct places. Count and clap.



- 4** Rewrite the $\frac{4}{4}$ music line in $\frac{2}{4}$ on the staff below. Write the names of the notes below the staff.