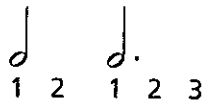
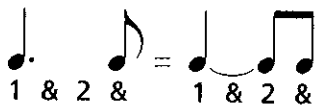
Dotted Quarter Note

Remember: a dot after a note increases its duration by half the original value.

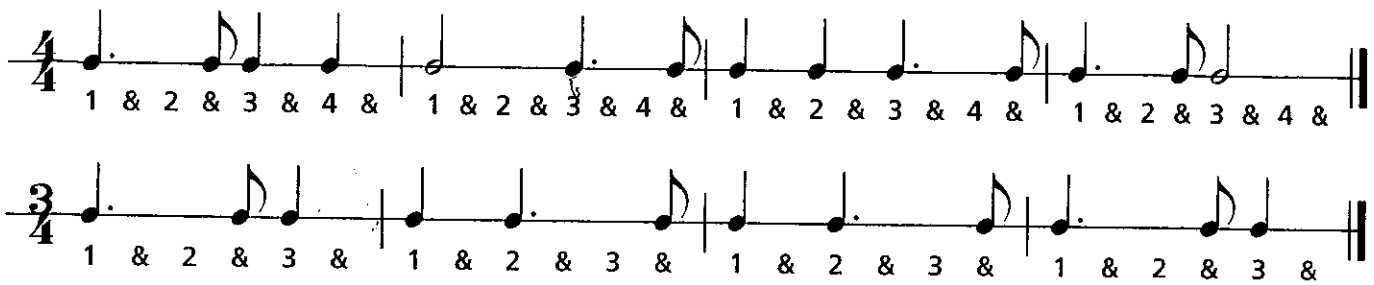


In $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{4}$, a quarter note receives one beat. Because a dot following a quarter note increases its duration by ½ beat, a dotted quarter note has a value of 1½ beats.



A ♩. is usually followed by an ♪

Clap and count the rhythm.

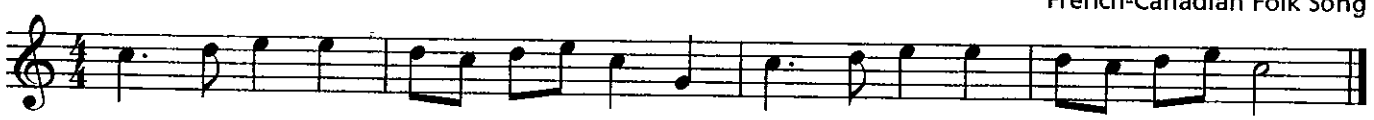


Exercises

1 Write the beats under the following example. Count and clap.

Alouette

French-Canadian Folk Song

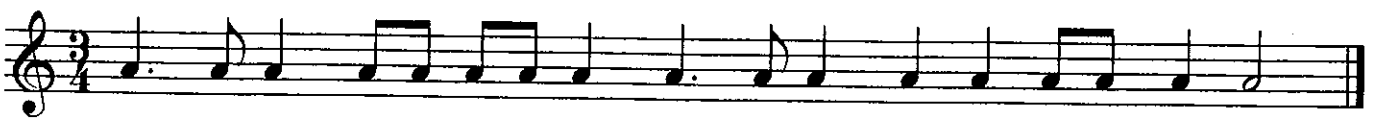


2 Fill in the blanks with the correct number:

a. _____ ♩. = ♪♪♪ b. _____ ♩. = ♩ ♩ ♩ c. _____ ♩. = ♩ ♪

3 Add bar lines to the examples below.

a.



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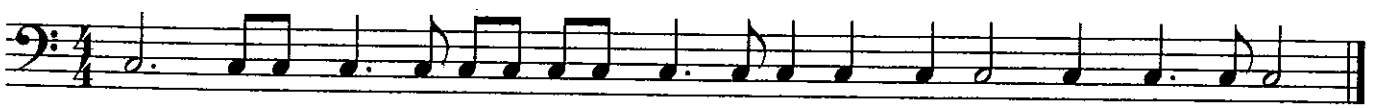
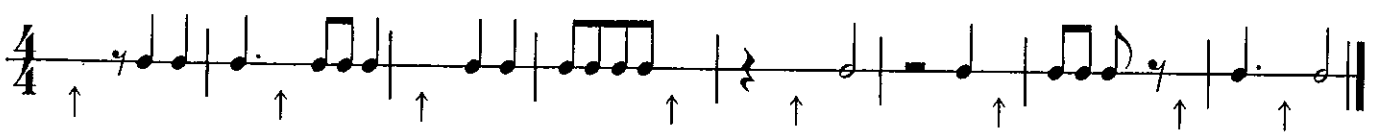
4 Complete the measures using only one note or rest—alternate notes and rests.