



Counting Rhythms (6)



Here's a reminder of the new note lengths in 6/8:

= 1/3 beat
 = 2/3 beat
 = 1 beat
 = 2 beats

There are 2 *dotted crotchet beats* in a bar:

1
 2

And there's room for 6 quavers:

1 + a 2 + a

1. Write the correct **counts** under each note:

6/8 | | | ||

1 2

6/8 | | | ||

Minims are not used in 6/8, because they are 4 quavers long, which is 1 and 1/3 of a beat. This would make them difficult to read in 6/8, because it's helpful to always see something written on beats 1 and 2 of the bar. However, you can still find notes of this length (4 quavers long) - they will be drawn as two shorter notes joined by a tie. The second of these notes must be written on either beat 1 or beat 2 (not on a weaker beat like + or a).

Here are the different ways you can make a minim-length note out of two shorter notes:

= + = + = +

2. Draw a circle around the **minim-length notes** in these rhythms. Watch out though! Some of the ties are used in shorter notes. You'll need to count the quaver beats to find notes that are 4 quavers long. The first one has been done for you.

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