

The Half Note

stem
head = 2 counts or beats

$\text{quarter note} + \text{quarter note} = \text{half note}$

two

dos

zwei

deux



1. Tap and count aloud:
Feel 2 beats. **1-2** **1-2** **1-2** **1-2**
or **Ta - ah** **Ta - ah** **Ta - ah** **Ta - ah**

2. Play four half notes on any key. Count aloud and keep a steady beat!

Tap half note notes to the steady tick of the metronome.



3. Draw 3 half notes for the **right hand**.
The stem goes up on the right side.

Write 1-2 below each note.

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Ex. $\frac{1-2}{\text{counts}}$ $\frac{\quad}{\text{counts}}$ $\frac{\quad}{\text{counts}}$ $\frac{\quad}{\text{counts}}$

4. Draw 3 half notes for the **left hand**.
The stem goes down on the left side.

Write 1-2 below each note.

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Ex. $\frac{1-2}{\text{counts}}$ $\frac{\quad}{\text{counts}}$ $\frac{\quad}{\text{counts}}$ $\frac{\quad}{\text{counts}}$



Close your eyes and listen. Your teacher will begin playing some **half notes** and then change to **quarter notes**. When you hear the change, say, “quarter notes.” Keep going and name each change that you hear.