

METER is the organization of pulse into a repetitive pattern of strong and weak beats, usually indicated with a time signature.



RHYTHM

Rhythm refers to the elements of time in music.

TEMPO

Tempo is the speed of the beat.





**BEAT/
PULSE**

- Beat refers to the background pulse of the music.

BEAT DIVISION

- Simple Meter= 2
- Compound
Meter= 3



DOWNBEAT

- The first and strongest beat in the measure.

**UPBEAT/
ANACRUSIS**

- The last beat in a measure that anticipates the downbeat.



OFF BEAT

- Subdivisions that fall between the pulse beats (1 &).

MACROBEAT

- The note value that gets 1 pulse in music.
 - quarter note in 2/4
 - half note in 2/2

METER MACROBEATS

Duple

2

The grouping of macrobeats into two

- 2
- 4

- 2
- 2

Triple

3

The grouping of macrobeats into three

- 3
- 4

Quadruple

4

The grouping of macrobeats into four

- 4
- 4

These terms refer to the top number in the time signature.

**METER
SIGNATURE**

**TIME
SIGNATURE**

Notation that specifies how many beats (pulses) are contained in each measure (bar), and which note value is equivalent to a beat

- 2
- 4
- 3
- 4
- 6
- 8

**BEAT
UNIT**

- The bottom note of the time/meter signature.



**SIMPLE
METER**

- The macrobeat is divided into 2 identical parts
 - 2
 - 4
 - 3
 - 2
 - 4
 - 4

These terms refer to the bottom number in the time signature (the beat unit).

LABELING METER

- 2
- 4

- Simple Duple

- 3
- 4

- Simple Triple

- 4
- 4

- Simple Quadruple

LABELING METER

▫ 2

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▫ 4

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▫ Cut Time

▫ Alla Breve

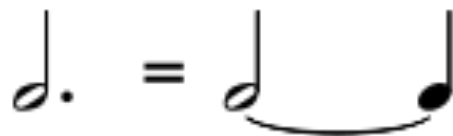
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DOT

- The dot is a device used to indicate the lengthening of a note;
 - dot = 1/2 note value,
 - double dot = 1/2 value of first dot.



TIE

- A notational device used to join two notes on the same pitch and lengthen the value.



SLUR

- A notational device used to join two notes on different pitches. It does not affect value.





BAR LINE

- a single vertical line used to divide a staff into measures to indicate strong and weak beats

Other Words to Know

duration

note value

triplet

Simple Meter uses the quarter or half note as the basic beat unit.

it is easily divided by 2.

