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*Mmmmm.....
I have a question!*

*I know that Notes have different
Values and different names. I also
know that some Music is fast and
some Music is slow, but how do I
know when to play the Music fast
and when to play it slow?*

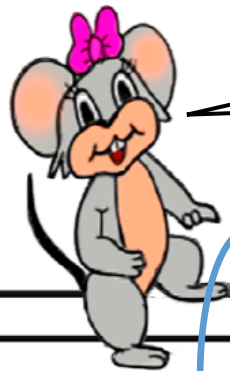


*That's a great
question!!*

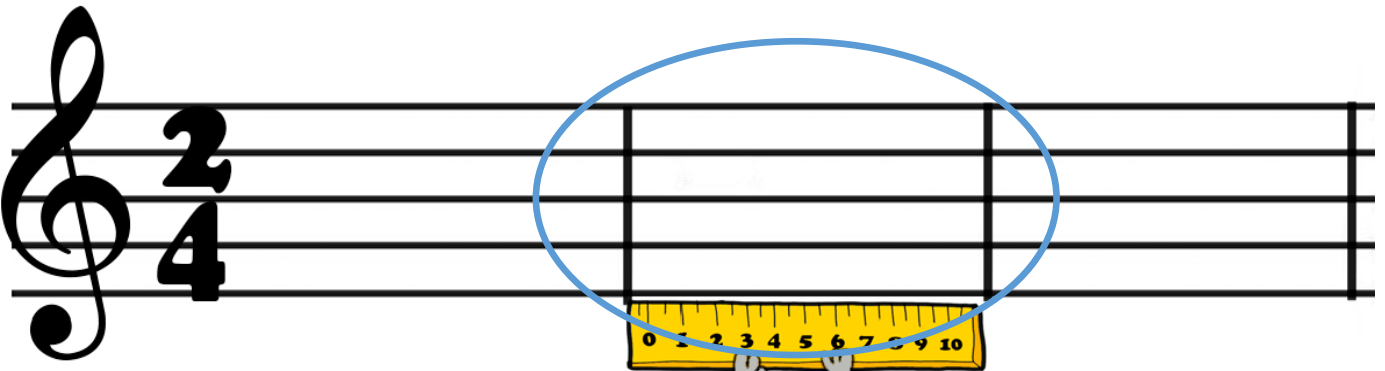
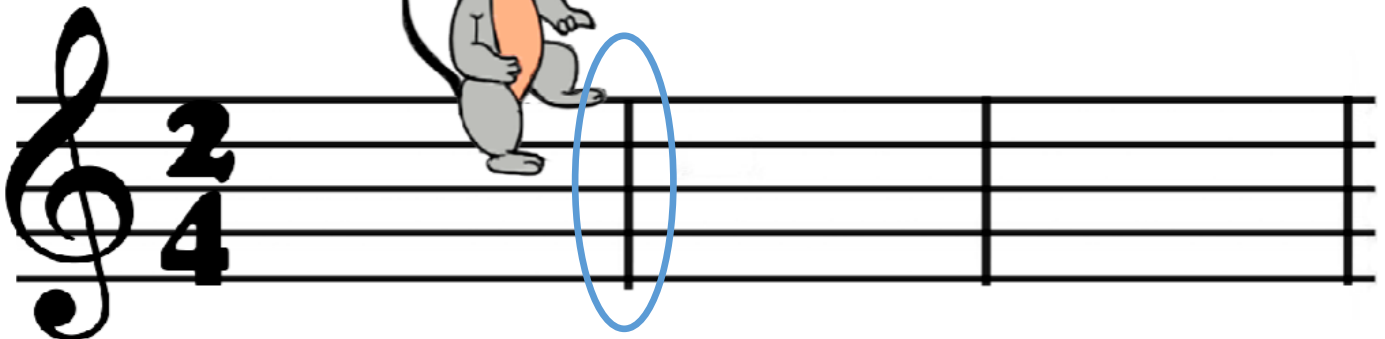
Bar Lines and Measure



*To make it easier to read Music, the Staff is divided into many equal parts separated by lines called **Bar Lines**. The space between lines is called a **Measure**.*



*This is a
BAR LINE.*

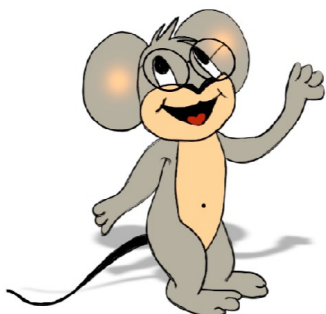
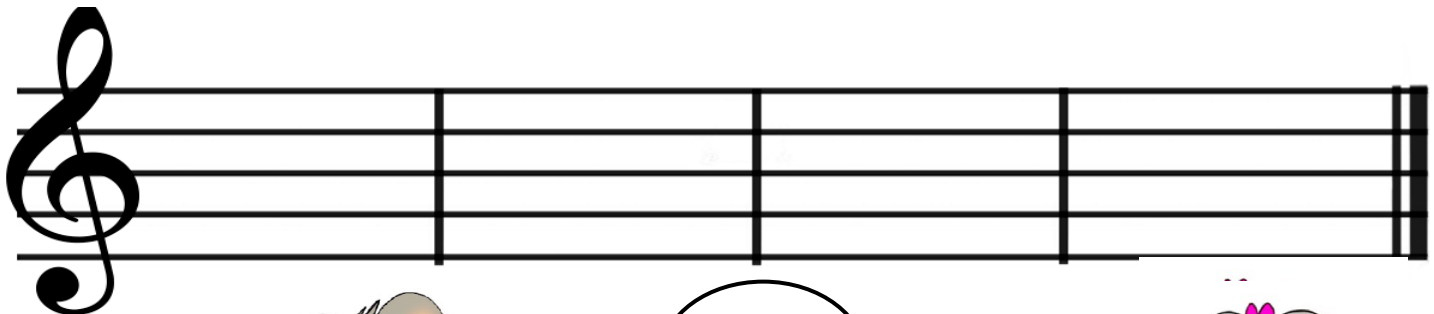


*This is a
MEASURE.*

*Remember! At the end of a Musical Composition there is a **DOUBLE BAR LINE** that tells you that you have reached the end.*



*Let me see if you can answer my question correctly.....
How many Measures are there in this Musical Composition?*



8!

Good Job!





Something is missing in that musical composition!

That Musical Composition is missing Notes and Rests... in other words, it's missing the music!!



*That's it!!
I knew that!*



But how are the Notes and Rests organized on the Staff?



If $\frac{2}{4}$ is written at the beginning of the Staff, does it mean that only Half Notes are written in the Whole Musical Composition?

Each Measure has a Note or a group of Notes and Rests that, all together, have the same Value as the Time Signature.

Nope!!



In this Musical Composition, there are **2 Beats** on each Measure. Can you spot them?

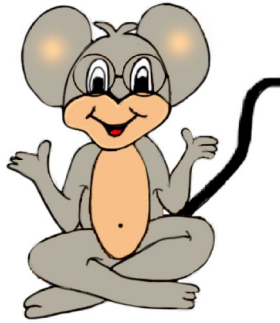


2 **1 + 1 = 2** **1 + 1 = 2** **2**

1 + 1 = 2 **1 + 1 = 2** **1 + 1 = 2** **2**

Time Signature

? ? ?



Why 2 and not 4?

Good Question!



*The two numbers at the beginning of the Staff are called a Fraction and represent the **Time Signature**.*

*The top number tells you the number of **Beats** in each measure.*

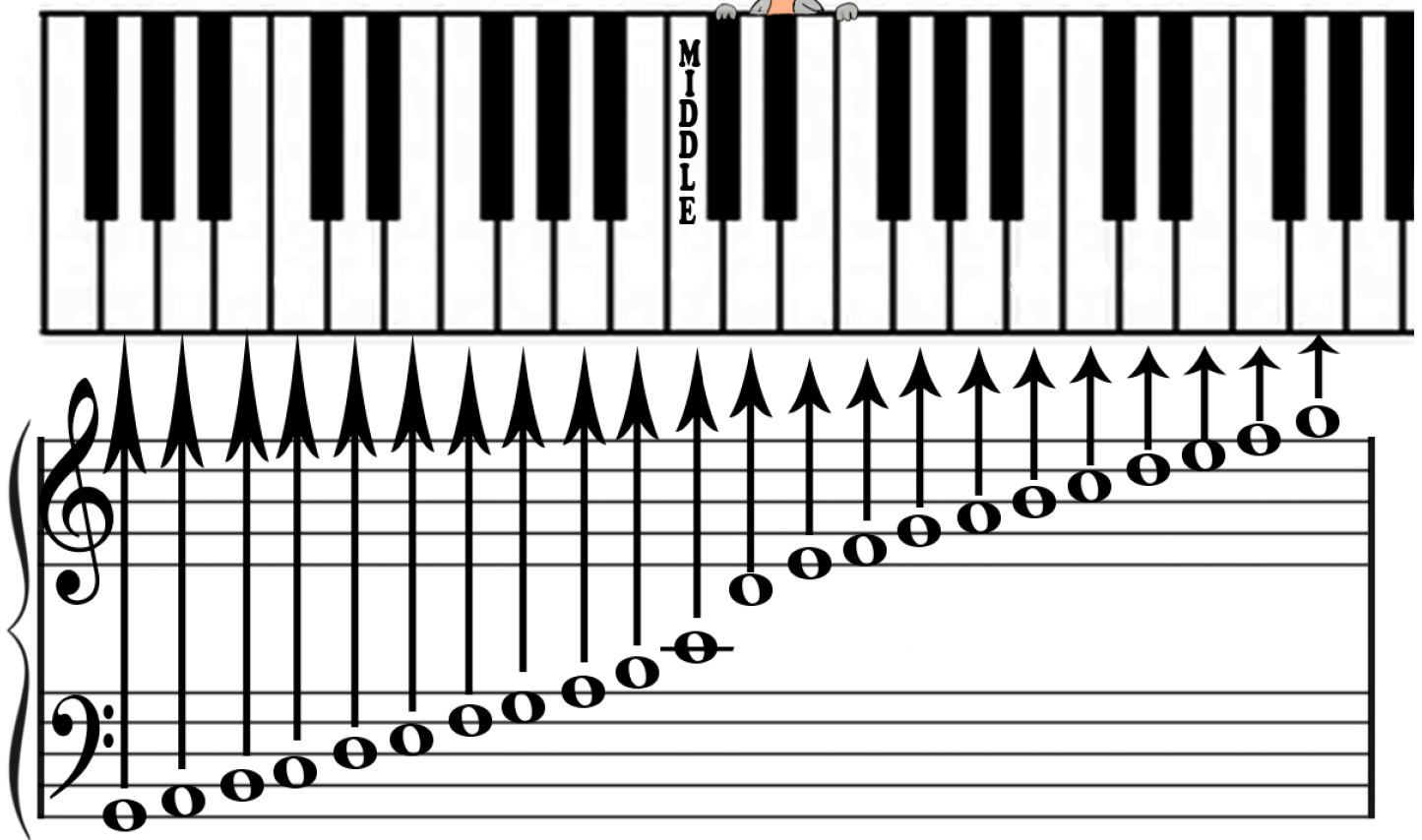


2
4

*The bottom number tells the kind of Note that gets one **Beat**.*



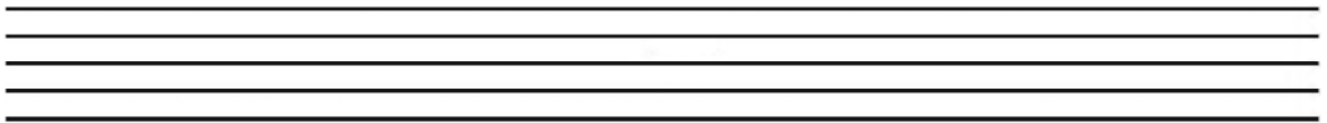
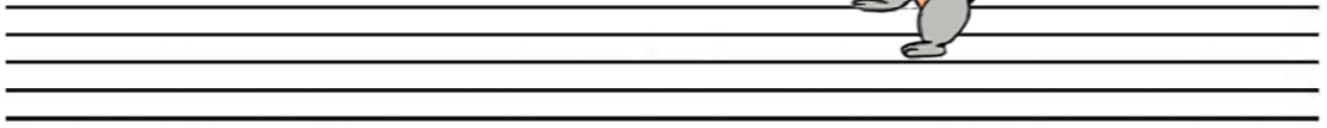
*Write the Note names on
the keyboard and you will
know their place.*



That's easy!!



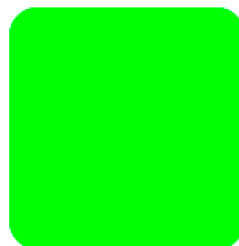
*Make those two simple Staves into a
Grand Staff!*



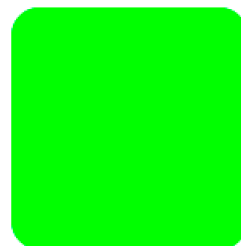
Great idea!



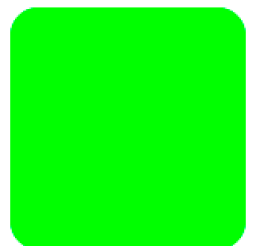
*Draw each of the
above Signs in the
correct squares.*



Time Signature



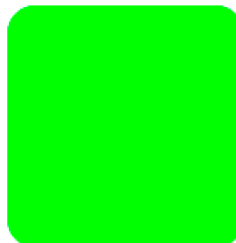
Brace



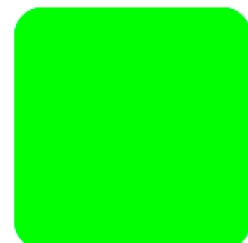
Bass Clef



Treble Clef



Bar



Double Bar Line