

UP BEAT!

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An Introduction to Basic Drum Techniques

Counting system

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Count out loud

1 2 3 4 2 2 3 4

play heels down

3 2 3 4 4 2 3 4

5 2 3 4 6 2 3 4

7 2 3 4 8 2 3 4

Notice that you count up each bar.
 This is very useful when working with multiple repeats and combined rest bars.
 Now practise with your favourite rhythm, counting up 8 bars.

Preparation 2

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♩ = 80

R R R L L L R R R L L L R R R R L L L L R R R R L L L L

The first line of music consists of two measures. The first measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: R, L, R, L, R, L. The second measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: R, L, R, L, R, L. The notes are written on a single staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature.

Play heels down

R R R L L L L R R R L L L L R R R R L L L L R R R R L

The second line of music consists of two measures. The first measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: R, L, R, L, R, L. The second measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: R, L, R, L, R, L. The notes are written on a single staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature.

R L L L R L L L R L L L R L L L R R R R L L L R

The third line of music consists of two measures. The first measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: R, L, R, L, R, L. The second measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: R, L, R, L, R, L. The notes are written on a single staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature.

L R R R L R R R L R R R L R R R R L L L L R R R R L

The fourth line of music consists of two measures. The first measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: L, R, R, L, R, R. The second measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: L, R, R, L, R, R. The notes are written on a single staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature.

R R R L L L R R R L L L R R R L L L R L L L R

The fifth line of music consists of two measures. The first measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: R, L, R, L, R, L. The second measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: R, L, R, L, R, L. The notes are written on a single staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature.

L L L L R R R R L L L L R R R R L R R R L R R R L R R R L

The sixth line of music consists of two measures. The first measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: L, R, R, L, R, R. The second measure contains four groups of three eighth notes: L, R, R, L, R, R. The notes are written on a single staff with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature.

Syncopated march

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$\text{♩} = 100$

mf

mp

R L R L L R L R

mf

R R

f

ff