

beat²

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noun

1 [countable] HIT one of a series of regular movements or hitting actions:

a heart rate of 80 beats a minute

the steady beat of the drum

2 [singular] SOUND a regular repeated noise

SYN rhythm:

beat of

the beat of marching feet

3 [countable] the main RHYTHM that a piece of music or a poem has:

a song with a beat you can dance to

4 [singular] a subject or area of a city that someone is responsible for as their job:

journalists covering the Washington beat

on the beat

People like to see police officers on the beat.

5 [countable] one of the notes in a piece of music that sounds stronger than the other notes

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