

Beats, musical figures and bars



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A **beat** is the regular sound in music.

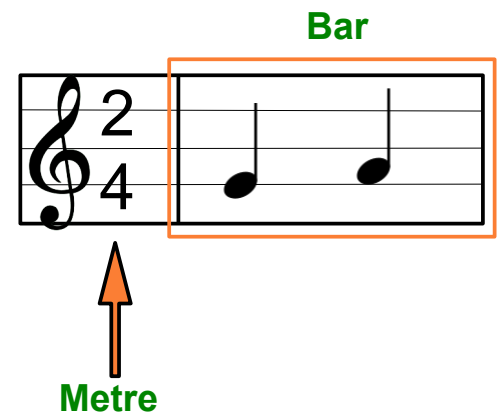
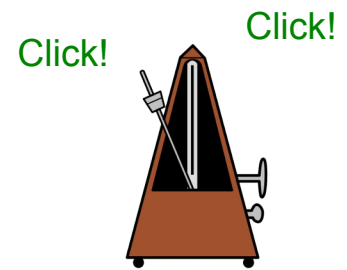
Beats go in groups. A group of beats is called **bars**.

On the stave (musical lines), a bar is between two vertical lines.

Each bar has a number of beats.











Metre is how we count the beats in each bar. It tells us the rhythm.

- A **duple metre** has 2 beats in each bar.
- A **triple metre** has 3 beats in each bar.



Musical figures and rests

We use figures, rests and other musical symbols to write sounds and silence (rest) in music. Different musical figures have different durations.

NOTES	NAME	REST BEAT	BEATS
	Whole note		4 beats
	Half note		2 beats
	Quarter note		1 beat
	Eighth note		1/2 beat
	Sixteenth note		1/4 beat

