NOTE VALUE

The duration of the pitch is determined by its shape.

A whole note is an open oval.

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A half note is an open oval with a stem. Two half notes equal one whole note.

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A quarter note is a filled in oval with a stem. Four quarter notes equal one whole note.

RESTS

Music is not only made up of sounds, but also by pauses in between.

Whole Rest: A whole rest means to rest of the whole measure. It looks like an upside-down hat. It will always be below the 4^{th} line on the staff.

Half Rest: A half rest equals half a whole rest. It looks like a hat. It will always be perched on the 3^{rd} line of a staff.



Quarter Rest: A quarter rest is equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ of a whole rest.

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When playing in 4/4 time, a quarter rest is equal to 1 beat, a half rest equals two beats and a whole note equals 4 beats.