

# Rhythm Sight Reading 101

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Bold numbers tell us where we place the note, subdivided by the little numbers.

We say the **Bold** numbers out loud, and we say the little numbers in our heads.

For every "+" say "and". This is how we subdivide.

Whole notes are 4 beats    Half notes are 2 beats    Quarter notes are 1 beat    Eighth notes are 2 per beat    Dotted half notes are 3 beats    Dotted quarter notes are a beat and a half

1 (2 3 4)    1 (2) 3 (4)    1 2 3 4    1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +    1 (2 3) 4    1 (+2) + 3 (+4) +

**1**    **2**

**3**    **4**

**5**    Onbeats are played right on the beat    Offbeats are played on the "+" of the beat

**6**    1 (+) 2 (+) 3 (+) 4 (+)    1 (+) 2 (+) 3 (+) 4 (+)    (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) +    (1) + (2) + (3) + (4) +

**7**    **8**

**9**    **10**

**11**    **12**

**13**