

Rhythms and Beats

Read about the difference between a rhythm and a beat and answer the questions below.

What Is A Beat?

A beat is a steady pulse in music. The pattern of a beat does not change. It is similar to the tick-tock of a clock. The beat lets us know the speed of a song. When playing a musical instrument, the beat tells you how fast or slow to play the song. Usually, a conductor will set up the beat for the orchestra. The rhythm, or other musical instruments, will fit into the beat.

What Is A Rhythm?

A rhythm is what fills the time between each beat and is the actual sound of the music. It is what is played by the musicians. In a song, it is also the same as the words to the song. A rhythm can have different patterns throughout a piece of music. Rhythm is important when singing or learning to play a musical instrument. When we mix sounds together, if there is no rhythm, the sounds will not make music. Understanding rhythm can also help you be a better dancer.

1. Why are beats and rhythms important? _____

2. Circle the correct answer for each line of images if it is a beat or rhythm.

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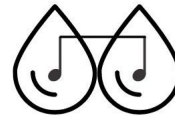
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