solfejo

FREE MUSIC CHART

Note values chart

How long each note lasts, from the longest to the shortest. The beats are counted in 4/4 time, where a quarter note gets one beat. The words are the ones children say while they clap — ta, ti-ti, ta-a — the same as in the lessons.

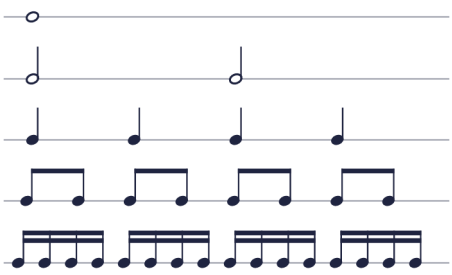
Scan to hear every note

SYMBOL	NAME	BEATS IN 4/4	SAY
	Whole note (semibreve)	4	ta-a-a-a
	Dotted half note (dotted minim)	3	ta-a-a
	Half note (minim)	2	ta-a
	Dotted quarter note (dotted crotchet)	1½	ta-i
	Quarter note (crotchet)	1	ta
	Eighth note (quaver)	½	ti — two make ti-ti
	Sixteenth note (semiquaver)	¼	four make ti-ka-ti-ka

The note value tree

Each note splits into two of the next one down: one whole note lasts as long as two half notes, four quarter notes, eight eighth notes or sixteen sixteenth notes.

1 whole note
= 2 half notes
= 4 quarter notes
= 8 eighth notes
= 16 sixteenth notes



Good to know

- Hollow notes are the long ones: a half note and a whole note. Black notes are a beat or shorter.
- A dot makes a note half as long again: a half note is 2 beats, so a dotted half note is 2 + 1 = 3.
- Each flag halves a note: one flag (or one beam) is an eighth note, two are a sixteenth note.