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Let's Draw Symbols

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Basic Information about Symbols



treble clef

also called a G clef



bass clef

also called an F clef



brace

This is really a brace and bracket The brace is the upright line and the bracket curls around it. It tells us that the notes on both staves are to be played at the same time.



staff or stave

The five lines on which we write music



bar lines

The upright lines dividing sections (bars) of music



double bar lines

two upright lines to mark the end of a section or a piece of music



repeat sign

these dots tell us to repeat a section of music



semibreve (or whole note)

The semibreve is the longest note in general use. The **semibreve rest** is in the shape of a box hanging below the fourth line of the staff.



minim (or half note)

A minim is played for half the time of a semibreve. The **minim rest** is in the shape of a box sitting on the third line of the staff.



dotted minim

A dot placed after any note makes it longer by half of its own value.



crotchet (or quarter note)

A crotchet is played for half of the time of a minim. The distinctive **crotchet rest** is to its right.



quaver (or eighth note)

A quaver is played for half of the time of a crotchet. Its rest is to its right. Two or more quavers are joined by a beam.



semiquaver (or 16th note)

A semiquaver is played for half the time of a quaver. Its rest is to its right. Two or more semiquavers are joined by two beams.



sharp

A sharp sign placed in front of a note tells us that the note must be played one semitone higher.



flat

A flat sign placed in front of a note tells us that the note must be played one semitone lower.



natural

A natural sign placed in front of a note tells us that a note previously altered must now be played at its original pitch.



pause

A pause sign over a note tells us that the note should be held for longer than its usual value.



slur, or phrase line

A slur or phrase line can be drawn over two or more notes. These notes are to be played smoothly, connected together. They are usually notes of different pitch.



tie

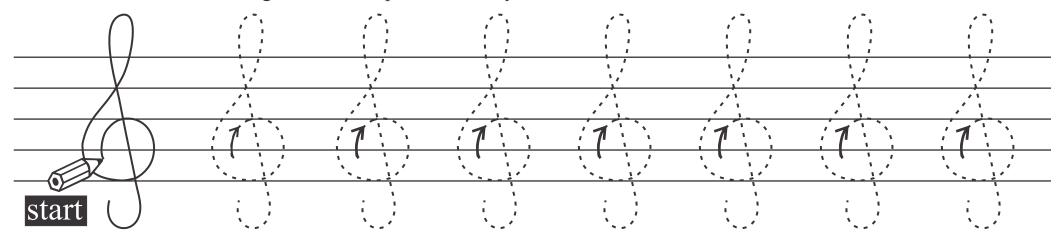
Notes which are connected by a tie are always of the same pitch. These notes are 'tied' together and are played as one note, held for their combined values.

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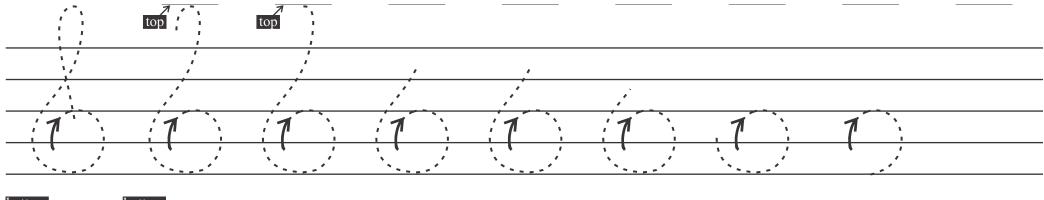
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Treble Clefs

Trace the Treble Clefs starting at the arrow point. You may trace each one in a different colour.



Complete these Treble Clefs. Make sure that they reach from the top line to the bottom line..



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bottom

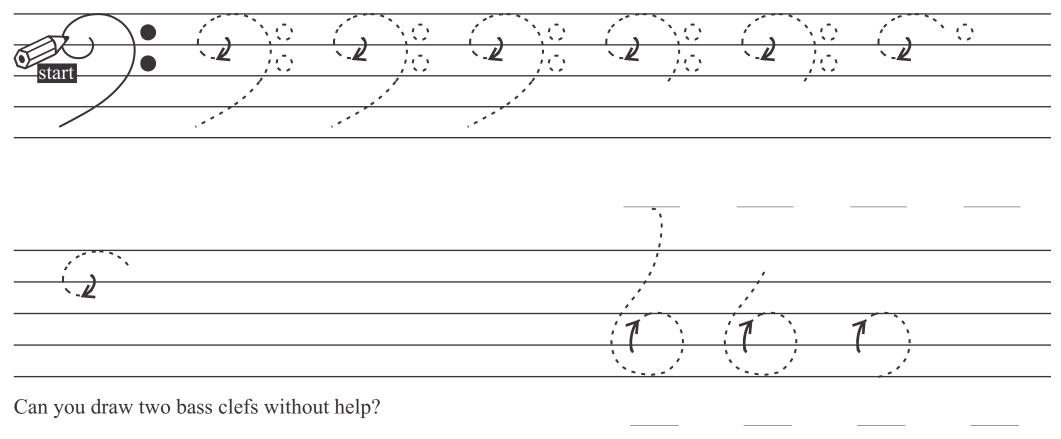


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Bass Clefs

Trace the Bass Clefs starting at the arrow point. You may trace each one in a different colour.

Complete these bass clefs.

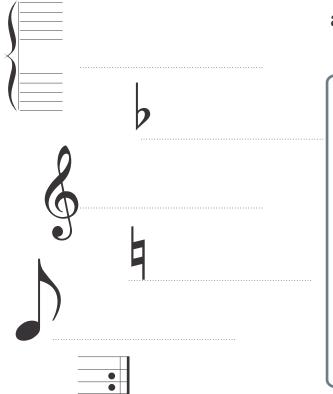


Do you remember how to draw a treble clef?

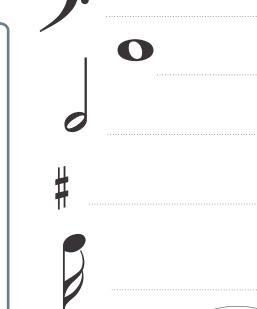


Wordsearch

Find words reading across or down for each of the music symbols and write the correct label for each one.



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b t e a a r l m i n i m
r s b v s p a u s e q i
a l r e p e a t s e u b
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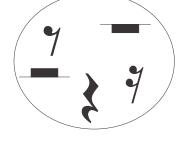








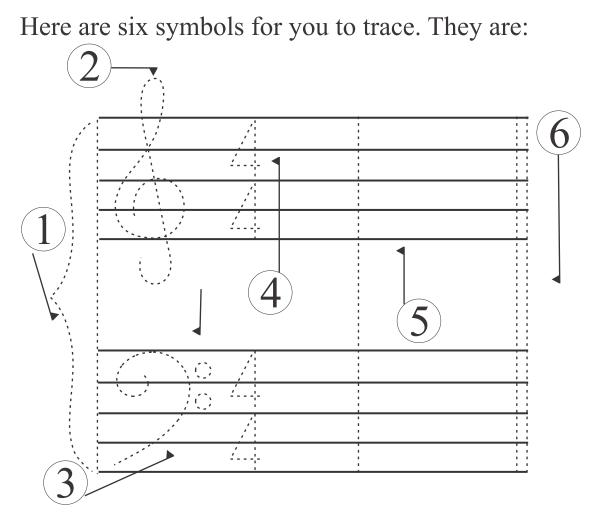






Trace Six

Bar lines Double Bar lines 4 Time Treble Bass 4 signature Can you arrange them on this Grand Stave in the proper places?



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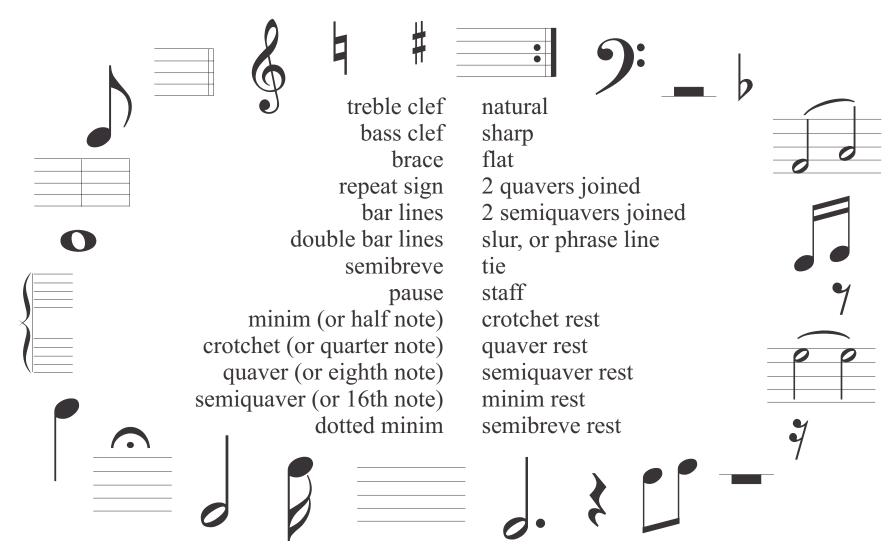
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Connections

Find the words for each of the music symbols and join each word to its symbol with a straight line.





Five Rests

Every note has its own rest. The rest has the same value as the note that it belongs to.

Can you recognize and draw each rest?

| semibreve | semibreve rest | How well can you draw semibreve rests? | Which one is correct? |
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| 0 | | | |
| whole note | | | _ _ |
| minim | minim rest | How well can you draw minim rests? | Which one is correct? |
| half note | | | |
| crotchet | crotchet rest | Trace and colour these crotchet rests. | Draw a crotchet rest |
| | | | |
| quarter note | | | |
| quaver | quaver rest | Trace and colour these quaver rests. | Draw a quaver rest |
| | | <u> </u> | |
| eighth note | | | |
| semiquaver | semiquaver rest | Trace and colour these semiquaver rests. | Draw a semiquaver res |
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| 16th note | | <u> </u> | |

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Sharps, Flats, Naturals

A sharp tells you to play a sound one semitone higher, a flat lowers it by one semitone. A natural sign cancels out a previous flat or sharp. Trace the sharps, flats and naturals.

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| Sharps in spaces | Sharps on lines | The sharp must be placed on the same line or in the same space as the note that it belongs to. | Draw sharps next to both of these notes. |
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| | | 0 | |
| Flats in spaces | Flats on lines | The flat must be placed on the same line or in the same space as the note that it belongs to. | Draw flats next to both of these notes. |
| | | The same rule applies to naturals (below). | Draw naturals next to both of these notes. |
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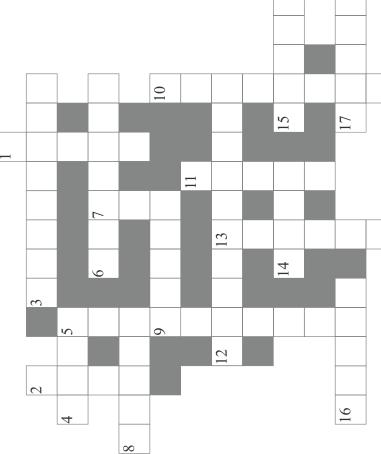
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| Semibreve Crotchet Minim | Quaver Quatural Flat | Semibreve restCrotchetMinim rest | Natural Sharp Repeat sign | Semibreve restMinim restFlat | Minim rest Crotchet rest Quaver rest |
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| Bass clef Treble clef Natural | Bass clef Treble clef Quaver | Minim rest Minim Semibreve | Flat Natural Crotchet | Minim Natural Crotchet | QuaverCrotchetSemiquaver |
| Treble clef Semibreve | Bass clef Brace Slur | Tie Semibreve Slur | Quaver Minim rest Repeat sign | | Tie |

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How many beats in each bar for this time signature? 3

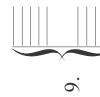
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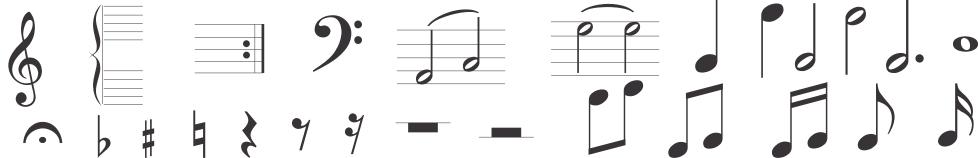




Drawing BIG Symbols

How many of the symbols below can you draw accurately on the staves above? $10 = \text{good} \quad 15 = \text{very good} \quad 20 = \text{excellent} \quad 26 = \text{brilliant}$







Drawing SMALL Symbols

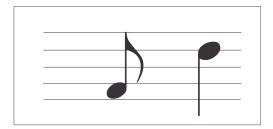
Can you draw the symbols into their boxes? Cross them out as you use them.

| What is the | name of the | symbol that is | left over. Write | e it here | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Dotted minim | Natural | Treble clef | Bass clef | Crotchet rest | Whole note | Sharp | Quarter note |
| | | | | # | | | |
| Pause | Flat | Half note | Semibreve rest | Eighth note | Minim rest | Two quavers | Repeat sign |

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A Little Revision

Can you do this ..



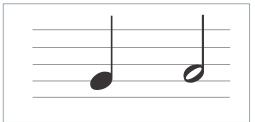
Draw a sharp next to the quaver



Draw the rest that belongs to this note.



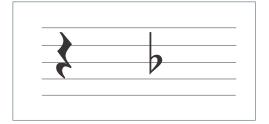
Draw a quarter note next to the sharp.

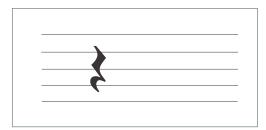


Draw a natural next to the minim. Draw a half note next to the flat.

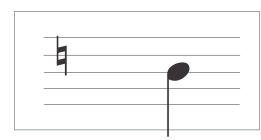


Draw the rest that belongs to this note.

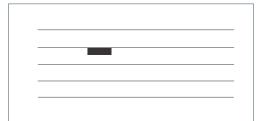




Draw the note that belongs to this rest.



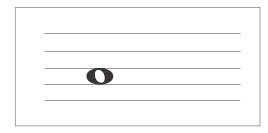
Draw a semibreve next to the natural.



Draw the note that belongs to this rest.



Draw a flat next to the whole note.



Draw the rest that belongs to this note.



Draw a flat next to the quaver and a sharp next to the 16th note.