

# Rhythm Sight Reading 101

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 note=4 beats**      **Half note=2 beats**      **Quarter note=1 beat**

**Eighth notes=2 per beat**      **Dotted half notes=3 beats**      **Dotted quarter notes=1 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

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

**6**      **7**

**8**      **9**

**10**