



Music Symbols



REFERENCE GUIDE



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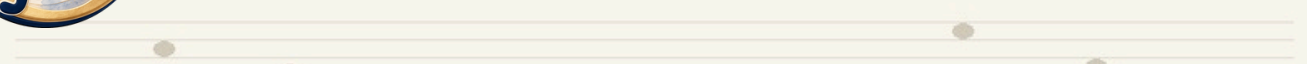
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COMMON SYMBOLS USED IN MUSIC NOTATION

1. CLEFS

Symbol	Name	Meaning
	Treble clef	high-range staff clef
	Bass clef	low-range staff clef
	Alto clef	middle-range staff clef

2. NOTE VALUES

Symbol	Name	Meaning
	Whole note	4 beats
	Half note	2 beats
	Quarter note	1 beat
	Eighth note	1/2 beat
	Sixteenth note	1/4 beat

3. RESTS

Symbol	Name	Meaning
	Whole rest	rest for 4 beats
	Half rest	rest for 2 beats
	Quarter rest	rest for 1 beat
	Eighth rest	rest for 1/2 beat

4. ACCIDENTALS

Symbol	Name	Meaning
	Sharp (#)	raises a note by a half step
	Flat (b)	lowers a note by a half step
	Natural (♮)	cancels a sharp or flat

5. DYNAMICS

Symbol	Name	Meaning
<i>pp</i>	<i>pp</i>	very soft
<i>p</i>	<i>p</i>	soft
<i>mp</i>	<i>mp</i>	moderately soft
<i>mf</i>	<i>mf</i>	moderately loud
<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>	loud
<i>ff</i>	<i>ff</i>	very loud
	crescendo (<)	gradually get louder
	decrescendo (>)	gradually get softer

6. OTHER COMMON SYMBOLS

Symbol	Name	Meaning
	Fermata	hold the note longer
	Tie	connects the duration of two notes
	Slur	play or sing smoothly
	Staccato	short and detached
	Accent	play with emphasis
	Repeat sign	repeat a section
	Time signature 4/4	4 quarter-note beats per measure
	Time signature 3/4	3 quarter-note beats per measure