















Parent's Guide to Beginning Rhythm Reading

Note	Note name	How to clap rhythm names	Beats	How to clap beats
J	Quarter Note	"Quarter"	1	Clap on 1
		clap 1 time		
	Half Note	"Half-Note"	2	Clap on 1 – hold hands together on 2
		clap on "half" and hold hands together		
.	Dotted Half Note	"Half-note-dot"	3	Clap on 1 – hold hands together for 2, 3
		Clap on "half" and hold hands while saying "note-dot"		
o	Whole Note	"whole-note-four-beats" "whole- note-four-beats"	4	Clap on 1 and hold hands together for 2, 3, 4
		Clap on "whole" and hold hands while saying "note-fourbeats"		

^{*} This chart is for teaching beginning rhythm reading. Students have not learned time signatures or measures.