

# Counting Rhythms in Music

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Four-four time using quarters, eighths & sixteenths



Pie pie pie pie piz - za piz - za piz - za piz - za pie pie pie pie piz - za pie piz - za pie



pep - per - on - i piz - za piz - za piz - za pep - per - on - i piz - za piz - za pie

## 1. Pizza Exercise

**A**

Use the pizza pie words to say these rhythms



**B**



## 2. Number Exercise

**C**

Use numbers instead of words



1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1+ 2+ 3+ 4+ 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1+ 2+ 3+



**D**



# Value of Sixteenth Notes

1 e + a 2 e + a 3 e + a 4 e + a

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

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Notice how the numbers and the "and" line up above.  
 Counting sixteenths in this way really helps match them up with their equivalent eighth notes or quarter notes.

## 3. Pizzas in three quarter time:

Pie pie piz - za pie pie piz - za pie pie pie PIE.....

Pie piz - za pep - per - on - i pie pie pie pep - per - on - i piz - za piz - za pie pie pie PIE.....

**E**

Use the pizza pie words to say these rhythms

**F**

## 4. Counting with Numbers

1 + 2 + 3 + 1+ 2+ 3+ 1+ 2+ 3 + 1 + 2 + 3+ 1+ 2 e & a 3 +

1+ 2+ 3 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 1+ 2+ 3 + 1 + 2+ 3+ 1 e & a 2 + 3 + 1+2+3+

**G**

## Exercises

**H**

**I**

**J**

**K**

## 5. Feta Cheese & Red Peppers

red pep - per red pep - per piz - za piz - za

Fe ta cheese fe ta cheese piz - za piz - za

## 6. Ties that tie notes together

Definition: A tie binds together two notes of the same pitch

goeey cheese on piz - za piz - za

goeey cheese on pep - per - on - i pie

Ties can be written as dotted notes too:

If you write a dot after a note it is short-hand for "add half the value of that note".  
 A dot after a quarter note takes the place of a tied eighth note.  
 Example: a dotted quarter note equals a quarter note plus a tied eighth note

goeeycheese on piz - za piz - za

goeeycheese on piz - za pie

goeeycheese on pep - per - on - i piz - za

goeeycheese on red pep - per pie

# 7. Counting ties & dots & pizza

gooeycheese on piz - za pie

gooeycheese on pep - per - on - i piz - za

gooeycheese and piz - za pie

Pie pie red pep - per piz - za

gooeycheese on piz - za pie

pie piz - za fe - ta cheese piz - za

piz - za piz - za piz - za pie!

