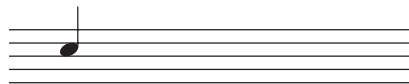


How to read the dots!

This is a only a very basic guide to help you read drum notation and count out beats, but it should get you started.

Written*



1

Counted

1/4 Note

Musical Description

Crotchet



1 &

1/8 Note

Quaver



1 e & a

1/16 Note

Semi-Quaver



1 & a

1/16 Note without "e"

Quaver and two semi-quavers



1 e &

1/16 Note without "a"

Two semi-quavers and a quaver




1 e a

1/16 Note without "&"

Semi-quaver, quaver, semi-quaver

Drum Notation†

Hi-Hat with foot	Floor Tom	High Tom	Hi-Hat (Closed)	Hi-Hat (Open)
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	Bass Drum	Snare Drum	Ride Cymbal		
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* The group spacing is exaggerated here to make the "missing" beats more obvious.

† There are several acceptable variations of drum notation. This is the one used throughout the Back2theBeat DVDs and website

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