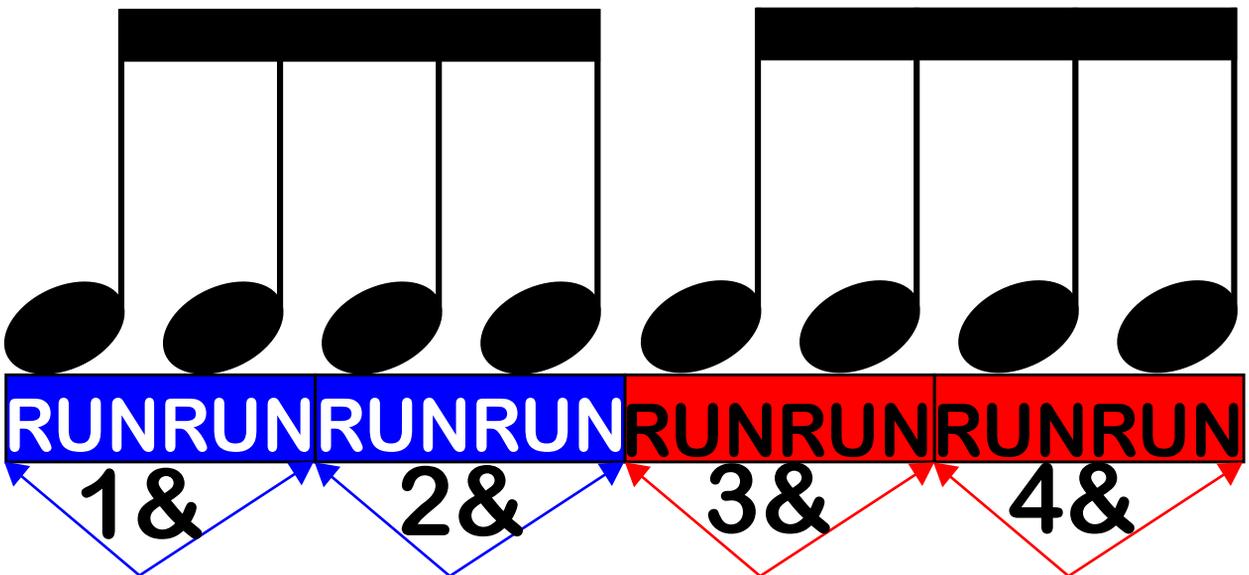
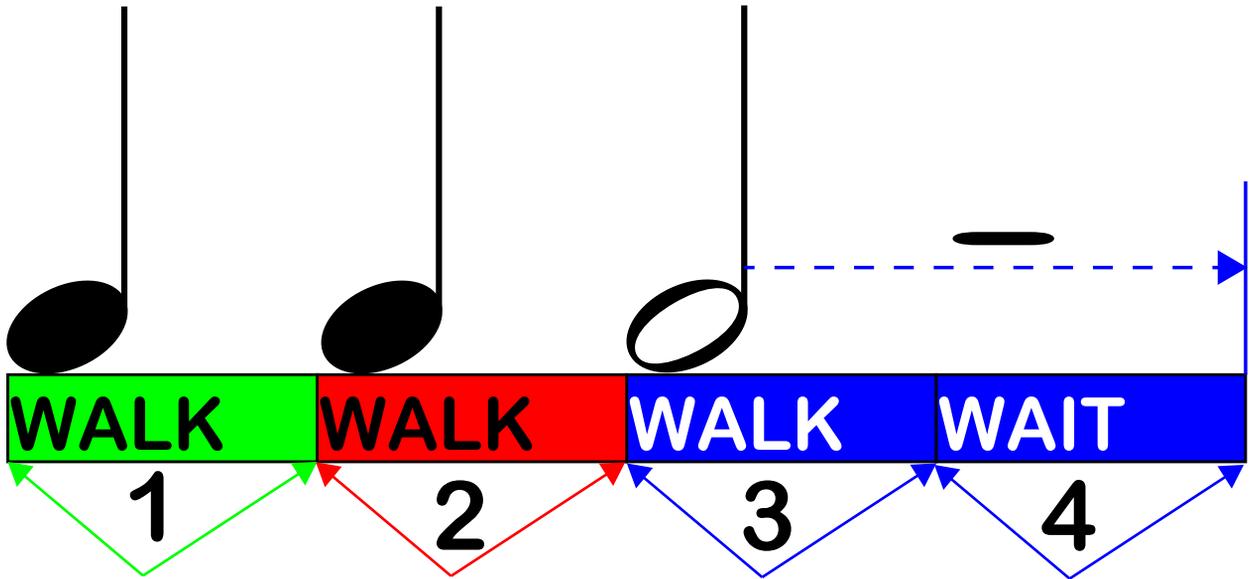


LET'S COUNT!.....1,2,3,4.....1&,2&,3&,4&



COUNTING THOSE BEATS

If you are using these sheets as take home sheets, no laminating is necessary. However if you plan to use these in class repeated times, laminate the sheets.



This is another clothespin exercise.

You have seen these beat boxes before, right???

I have added something though. I counted them.

This is beat box number 1.

Which beat box is this?....2

Which beat box is this?....3

Which beat box is this?....4

So let's use our clothespins and tap through these notes, but count the boxes as you tap.

Remember, when you get to the half note, keep the clothespin on the note when you count those last two blue boxes.

Count through these notes until the children can count to 4 easily while tapping properly on the notes.

Now let's look at those running eighth notes.

There are two eighth notes per box so when we count up to 4, we have to count in a way that everybody knows there are two notes per box.

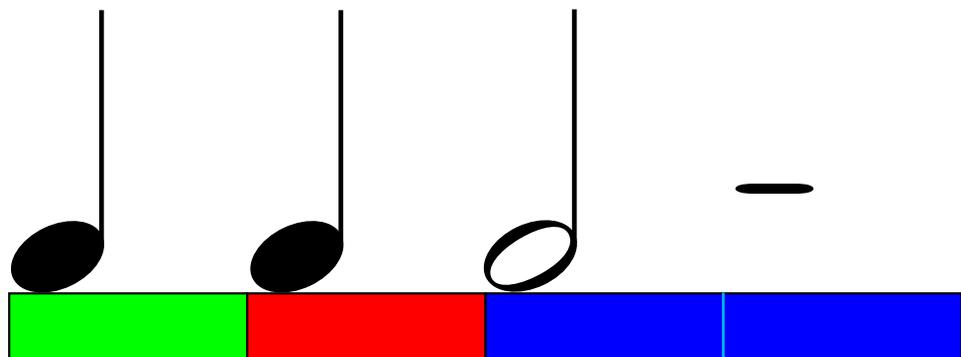
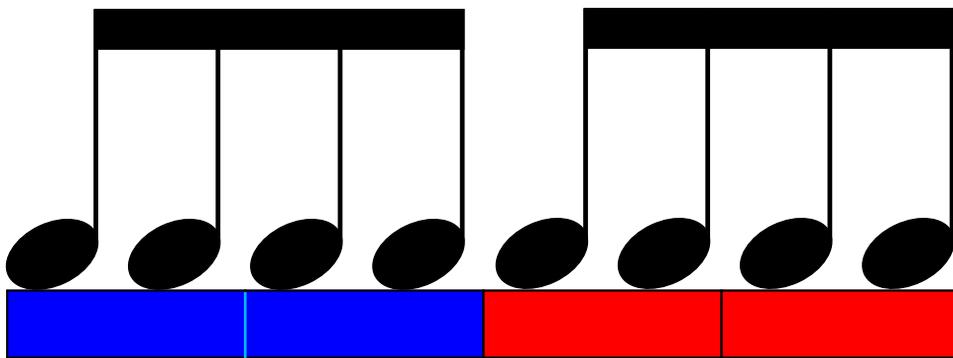
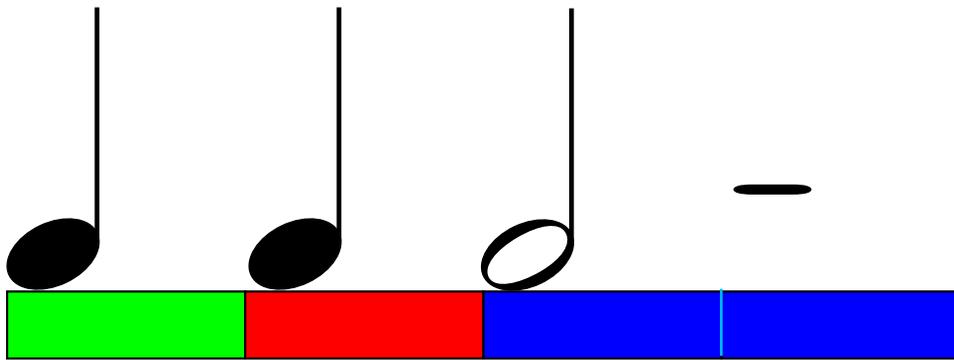
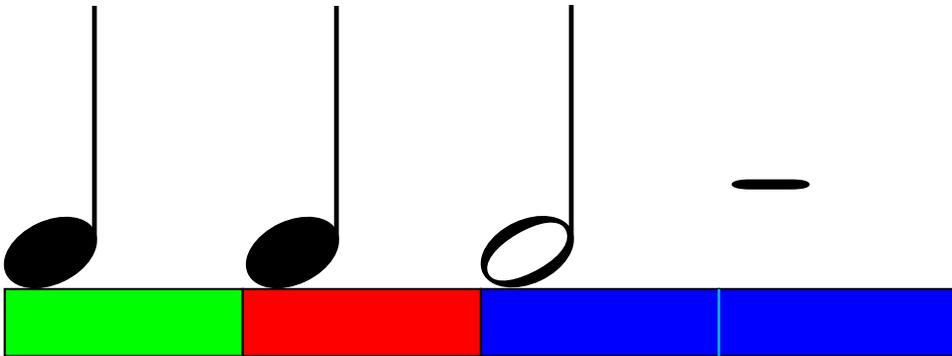
We just add the word "and" in between each number.

Let's count: 1&,2&,3&,4& (Clap beats as you count with the kids and maybe throw hands up when you say the "and".)

Now let's just use our clothespin on the table. Tap when you say the number and lift the clothespin when you say "and".

Now let's tap on the eighth notes with our clothespins. 1&2&3&4&...Do this until it is easy for the children.

HOT CROSS BUNS BEAT BOXES



COUNTING HOT CROSS BUNS

This is an activity which may or may not be appropriate at this time...particularly with 3 year old students. The students need to be able to count to 4 without having to concentrate on the counting to a great effect.



This is our whole Hot Cross Buns song with notes sitting on top of beat boxes. We don't see any words or numbers in those boxes!

Every row has 4 boxes. (Count them.)

In music, notes are always divided up into groups like these groups of 4 beats.

Those groups of beats are called measures.

I guess the Hot Cross Buns song was measured up into four measures of 4 beats each!

Let's tap and count the beats in each of these measures with our clothespins now. (Work on each line multiple times if necessary.) (Sing the numbers in tune with the melody.)

Remember to stay on the half note as you say two numbers because it takes up the space of two beats and we hold down the piano key for two beats when we play the song.

1 2 3 4

1 2 3 4

1&2&3&4&

1 2 3 4