




Rhythm Family Tree

The Rhythms You Know!

Symbol	British Name	American Name	Rhythm Name
	crotchet	quarter note	'slow'
	quaver	eighth note	'quick quick'
	semiquaver	sixteenth note	'semiquaver'

Activities

- 1) One person **claps quavers** whilst the other **claps crotchets**. Then swap over!
- 2) One person **claps semiquavers** whilst the other claps quavers. Then swap over!
- 3) *Question:* How many semiquavers fit into 1 crotchet?
- 4) Complete these '**musical sums**' ... how many beats do the notes add up to?

$$\text{quaver} + \text{quaver} = 2 \text{ beats}$$

$$\text{semiquaver} + \text{crotchet} = \text{___} \text{ beats}$$

$$\text{quaver} + \text{quaver} + \text{crotchet} = \text{___} \text{ beats}$$

$$\text{crotchet} + \text{semiquaver} + \text{quaver} + \text{crotchet} = \text{___} \text{ beats}$$

Step the Beats!
2 quavers fit into...
1 crotchet step
4 semiquavers fit into...
1 crotchet step