

# The Quaver / Eighth Note

How to write a Quaver  
(a note that lasts half a crotchet)



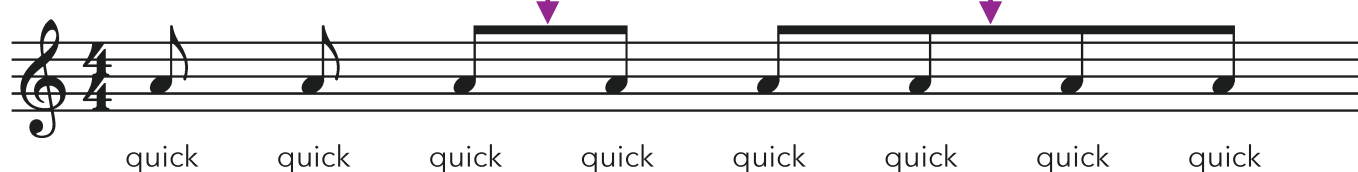
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The **quaver** or **eighth note** is a filled-in oval with a stem and a tail. It lasts for half a beat. When the quaver is with its friends, their tails join together to make a beam.

Quavers can be **beamed** in groups of 2 or 4!



## Activities

- 1) **Clap** the rhythm of the words **Al - fie A** and **Do - ra D**. They both use 2 quavers and a crotchet.
- 2) **Clap, Say and Swap** - One person claps quavers (*quick quick*), one person claps crotchets (*slow*). Then swap around!
- 3) **Step Together** - One person steps in time to the crotchet beat whilst the other steps in time to the quaver beat.
- 4) **Human Rhythms** - Stand in a line and divide your group into 'human' **crotchets** and **quavers**. Make two beamed quavers by stretching an arm out and putting a hand on the next person's shoulder ... then **Clap** and **Say** each rhythm you make!



A crotchet stands on its own, and quavers link arms together to form a pair, like this:

