

The Crotchet / Quarter Note

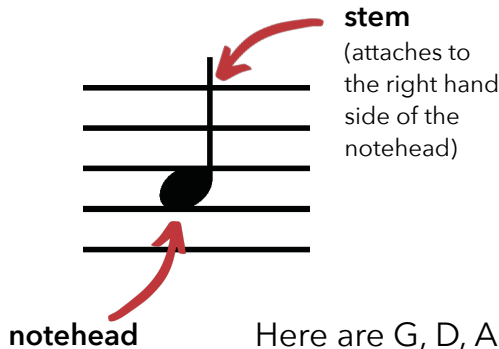
How to Write it on the Stave



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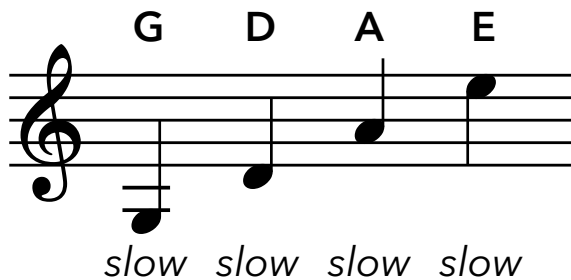
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The **crotchet** is a filled-in note with a stem. In some countries, it's called a **quarter note**! The crotchet is the heart-beat of the music!



The round bit of the note is called the **notehead**. The line that comes out of the crotchet is called a **stem**.

Here are G, D, A and E written as crotchets on the stave.
We say the word "slow" as we clap or step the crotchet beat.



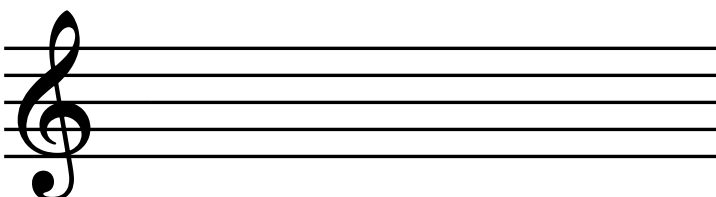
Stem Up or Stem Down?

If the crotchet is **above** the middle line, then the stem goes **down**. If it's **below** the middle line, the stem goes **up**.

Activities

- 1) **Clap** and **Step** to the rhythm of the beat.
- 2) Switch on a metronome beat (start at 60 beats per minute), and **try keeping in exact time** with it as you clap or step.
- 3) **Clap** and **Say** the word "slow" on each beat. "slow, slow, slow, slow"

Now **draw** some crotchets on the stave below:



A **Metronome** counts time by sounding a regular beat. It helps you to keep steady time!