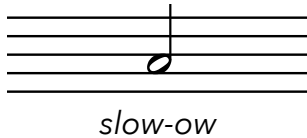


Minims and Semibreves

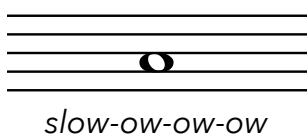
Half Notes and Whole Notes

Minim



The **minim** lasts for two beats. In America it is called a **half note**. The rhythm name for the minim is 'slow-ow'. On the second syllable ('ow'), make a silent 'chop' movement with your hands, to mark the 2nd beat.

Semibreve



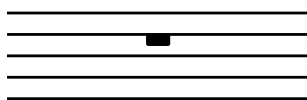
The **semibreve** lasts for 4 beats. In America, it is called a **whole note**. The rhythm name for the semibreve is 'slow-ow-ow-ow'. Make a silent 'chop' movement on each 'ow' syllable, to mark the 2nd, 3rd and 4th beats.

Minim Rest



The **minim rest** lasts for 2 whole beats. Remember this rhyme: *The Minim Meets the Middle Line!*

Semibreve Rest



The **semibreve rest** lasts for 4 whole beats. Remember this rhyme: *The Semibreve Swings from the Second line down!*

The semibreve rest is also used to show a **whole bar rest**.

Activities

Play through the **Echo Song**, first on your own, then with a partner. They should copy each note after you play it, using the same bow speed and dynamics as you, just like an echo. Make a big circle in the air with your bow during your rests!

Echo Song

