Counting Rhythms in Music

Four-four time using quarters, eighths & sixteenths

1. Pizza Exercise
Use the pizza pie words to say these rhythms

2. Number Exercise
Use numbers instead of words
Notice how the numbers and the "and" line up above. Counting sixteenths in this way really helps match them up with their equivalent eighth notes or quarter notes.

3. Pizzas in three quarter time:

Use the pizza pie words to say these rhythms.
4. Counting with Numbers

\[ 1 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 2 + a + 3 + \]

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Exercises

5. Feta Cheese & Red Peppers

\[ \text{red pepper red pepper pizza pizza} \]

\[ \text{Feta cheese Feta cheese pizza pizza} \]
6. Ties that tie notes together

Definition: A tie binds together two notes of the same pitch

Ties can be written as dotted notes too:

If you write a dot after a note it is short-hand for "add half the value of that note". A dot after a quarter note takes the place of a tied eighth note.
Example: a dotted quarter note equals a quarter note plus a tied eighth note
7. Counting ties & dots & pizza

gooey cheese on pizza pie

gooey cheese on pepperoni pizza

gooey cheese and pizza pie

Pie pie red pepper pizza

gooey cheese on pizza pie

pie pizza feta cheese pizza

pizza pizza pizza pie!
8. More tied rhythms to count