

Notes on the G String (1st String)

Okay kids, this is the last string we need to learn. After this, you should know all of the notes in the first five frets of your bass on all four strings.

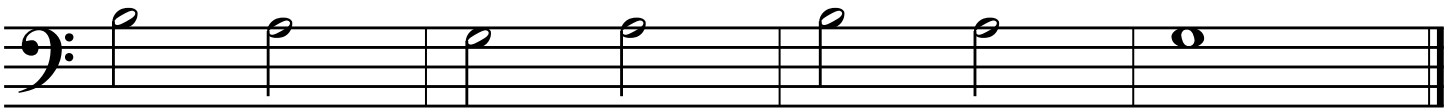
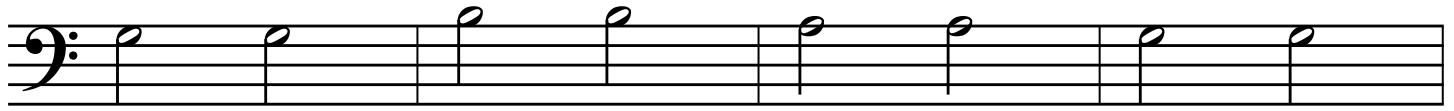
Just like all of the open strings so far, you already know one of the notes on the G string. Yes you guessed it!!!! The open G. This note rests on the fourth space of the staff up on the top. We can play this note open.

The next note we need to learn is A. This note sits on the very top of the staff on the fifth line. You can play this note with your first finger on the second fret of your G string.

Now let's learn the B note. This note sits at the very tip-top of the staff right on top. We can play this note with our fourth finger on the fourth fret of the G string.

Remember to play through all of these exercises nice and slow and be sure to play good full notes without too many squeaks. You can do this by remembering to place your fingers just to the left of the fret you are pressing down on so that you can feel the side of the fret with the side of your finger.

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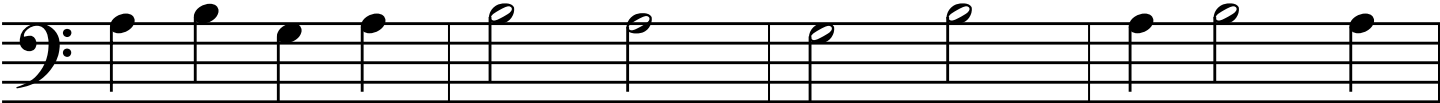
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Mix N Match



Track 29



Let's Take a Rest

Hey kids, now let's take a look something completely new. Remember how we have notes that tell us what note to play and for how long to hold them. Well we also have something called a rest. These are kind of like notes only instead of playing a note, they tell us not to play a note and to rest for a number of beats. Not playing a note is just as important as playing a note!!!

Let's take a look at the first rest.

This is a Whole Rest. Just like a Whole Note tells us to play for 4 beats, this tells us not to play for 4 beats. So any time we see this rest in a measure we have to be silent for 4 beats.

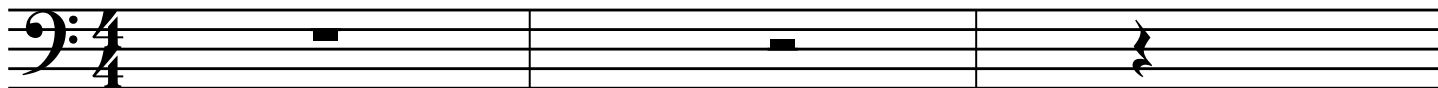
The next rest is called a Half Rest. This works the same way as the Whole Note did with the Whole Rest. A Half Rest tells us to rest or not to play anything for 2 beats. Just like a Half Note tells us to play for 2 beats, this tells us to not play for 2 beats.

The next rest is called a Quarter Rest. This works the same way as the Half Note did with the Half Rest. A Quarter Rest tells us to rest or not to play anything for 1 beat. Just like a Quarter Note tells us to play for 1 beat, this tells us not to play for 1 beat.

Go ahead and practice these exercises very slowly at first and be sure to have your teacher check you on these.

Remember, rests are very important in playing music so be sure to spend some time working on these.

Let's Take a Rest



Whole Rest:
Worth 4 Beats

This is equal to a whole note only you rest instead of play.

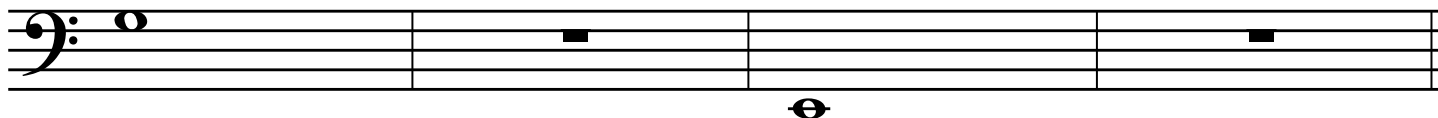
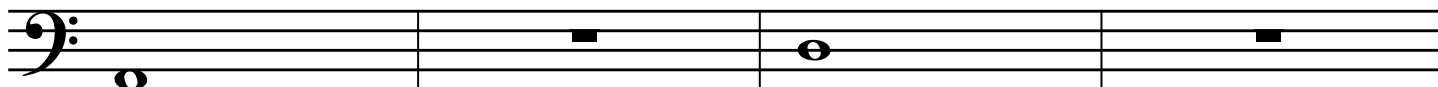
Half Rest:
Worth 2 Beats

This is equal to a half note only you rest instead of play.

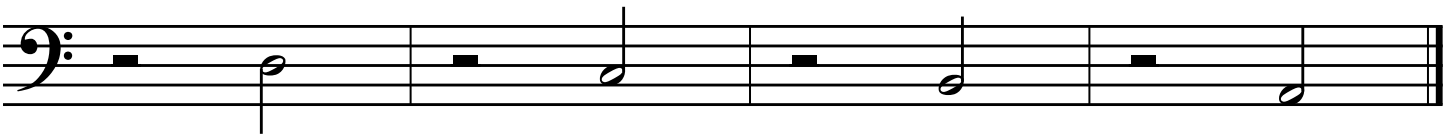
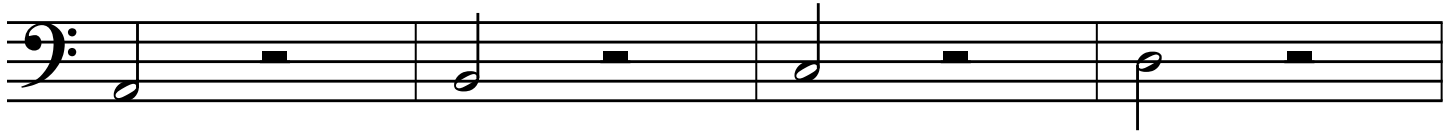
Quarter Rest:
Worth 1 Beat

This is equal to a quarter note only you rest instead of play.

Whole Rests Track 30



Half Rests  Track 31



Quarter Rests  Track 32

