

MUSIC · GRADES 3–4

Reading Music

The staff, treble clef and notes

Key terms

1

Staff

Five horizontal lines and four spaces where notes are placed.

Example: Each line and space is a different note.

2

Treble clef

The curly symbol at the start of the staff. Tells you the note names.

Example: Looks like a fancy 'G'.

3

Lines (bottom-top)

EGBDF.

Example: 'Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge'.

4

Spaces (bottom-top)

FACE.

Example: Spelt 'F-A-C-E', easy to remember.

5

Bar / Measure

A small section of music separated by vertical lines.

Example: Most songs have 4 beats per bar.

Note durations



Note	Looks like	Lasts for
Whole note	Open circle	4 beats
Half note	Open circle with a stem	2 beats
Quarter note	Filled circle with a stem	1 beat
Eighth note	Filled circle, stem with one flag	Half a beat
Sixteenth note	Filled circle, stem with two flags	Quarter of a beat

