Triplets
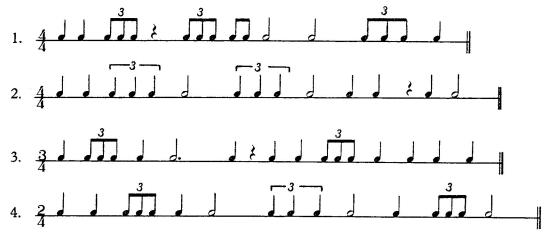
A triplet is a group of three notes that are performed in the time normally alloted for two of the same kind of note:

♪♩ = 1 count   3⌐♪♪♪⌐ = 1 count

♩ ♩ = 2 counts   ⌐3⌐ ♩♩♩ = 2 counts

A. Add the bar lines to the following examples.

1.

2.

3.

4.

B. Under each note or group of notes write how many counts it should receive. All the examples are in $\frac{4}{4}$ time. To check your accuracy, add the beats.

1.
___ + ___ + ___ + ___ = 5

2.
___ + ___ + ___ + ___ + ___ = 9

3.
___ + ___ + ___ + ___ + ___ = 7

4.
___ + ___ + ___ + ___ = 6

5.
___ + ___ + ___ + ___ + ___ + ___ + ___ +___ = 15

6.
___ + ___ + ___ + ___ + ___ = 6

7.
___ + ___ + ___ + ___ = 9

Optional Activity: Find several examples of triplets in your band music. Copy them in the space below (with some of the music before and after them, for context) and try clapping and playing them.