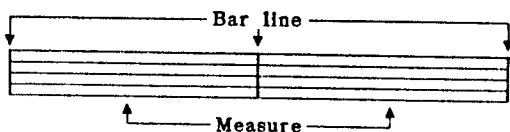


lesson 16

MEASURE, 4/4 TIME SIGNATURE

Counts are grouped together to form measures. Measures may contain two, three, four or more counts. Measures are separated by bar lines.



TIME SIGNATURE

The grouping of counts into measures is indicated by the time signature, which appears at the beginning of each song.

The top number of the Time Signature tells how many counts in each measure.

The bottom number tells what kind of note is to receive one count.

4 = 4 counts in each measure.
Each quarter note (♩) gets one count.

Count: 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

ACCENT SIGN

This sign directs the player to give special emphasis to the note. On the piano, strike the note a little harder.

in 4/4 time the 1st count of each measure is Accented.

C Common Time. This sign is often used as a substitute for 4/4 time.