MUSIC THEORY · RHYTHM AND COUNTING · GRADES 3–5

Time Signature Detective

Count the beats in each measure and write the missing top number of the time signature.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



Each card is one measure. How many beats does it have? Write the top number.



? over 4 ☐



? over 4 ☐



? over 4 ☐



? over 4 ☐



? over 4 ☐



? over 4 ☐



? over 4 ☐



? over 4 ☐

Circle the right answer.

The top number of a time signature tells you

how many beats are in a measure **how fast to play**

A bottom number of 4 means that

there are four measures **a quarter note gets one beat**

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2 over 4 **3 over 4**

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Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write or draw their own ideas, the key shows one example.



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2



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