Rhythm Worksheet Instructions

Counting rhythms correctly is an essential part of total musicianship. These rhythm worksheets will help you to better understand how musicians count the easiest as well as the most difficult music.

Begin by looking at the TIME SIGNATURE and figuring out the number of beats (or counts) per measure. Just as you would silently count as you play, WRITE the counting under the notes on your rhythm worksheet.

**There are a few rules:**

1. Write the counting directly under the note(s)

   Like this:  
   
   ![Example 1](example1.png)

   **NOT THIS:**
   
   ![Example 2](example2.png)

2. Circle the counts that contain rests

   ![Example 3](example3.png)

3. Enclose in parenthesis the counting of those notes that get more than one (1) beat

   ![Example 4](example4.png)

4. Sub-divide the counting of all dotted quarter notes

   ![Example 5](example5.png)