

# 4/4 Time Signature

The top number of the time signature indicates how many beats per measure.  
The bottom number indicates which note gets one beat.

♩ = 120

1,2,3,4      1,2      3,4      1   2   3   4      1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

In 4/4 time, there are four beats per measure and a quarter note gets one beat.  
Beat one has the strongest emphasis, and beat three has the second strongest emphasis.

Common rhythms  
in 4/4 timing

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One e & a Two e & a Three e & a Four e & a

ONE two AND THREE four AND

7

One a two a three a four a

ONE two AND three FOUR and

9

One A Two AND Three A Four AND