Capistrano Unified School District

4th Grade Beginning Strings -Violin-

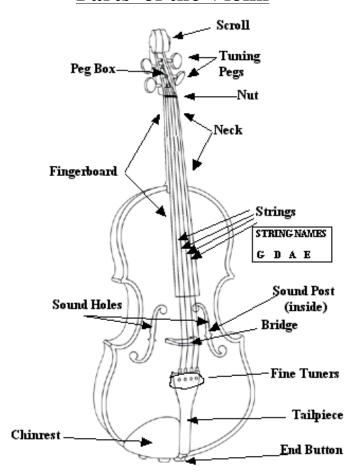


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Parts of the Violin



Taking Care of Your Violin

Handle With Care! Your instrument is made of breakable wooden parts, so repairs can be expensive and time consuming.

Do not let anyone play your instrument unless it is your teacher or an experienced player you trust.

Never push down the case lid to make it close all the way. Before closing and latching it, check for things that may be out of place inside. (Be sure, for example, to remove your shoulder pad before putting your instrument away)

Keep your instrument clean! After playing, wipe off the rosin dust, smudges, fingerprints, etc., with a soft clean cloth. Always wash your hands before playing your instrument.

Do not let your instrument get too hot or too cold. If the temperature is uncomfortable for you, it is also bad for your instrument. For example, never leave your instrument in a car on a hot or cold day.

Allow only an experienced repair person to fix your instrument.

Make sure your bridge is lined up correctly and standing straight at all times. If it gets out of place, ask your teacher to fix it for you.

Lesson One: Getting Started

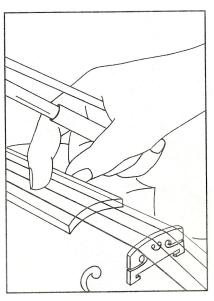
Holding your Violin

- 1. Make sure your shoulder rest is placed on on your violin correctly
- 2. Stand or sit "tall" keeping your head facing forward
- 3. Holding the violin parallel to the floor by the right upper shoulder and guiding it with your right hand, bring it toward you at an angle to your left



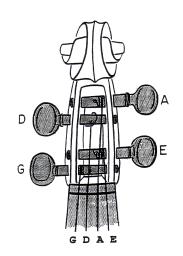
- 4. As you bring the violin toward you, place the end button close to your throat. Turn your head slightly to the left and tuck the edge (the bump) of your chin rest under your jaw to the left of your chin.
- 5. If your position is correct, you should feel relaxed and comfortable-able to easily move your head up and down and side to side. Your shoulder rest should allow you to hold your violin with no help from your hands.

Pizzicato Position



- 1. Place the tip of your right thumb on the side of the fingerboard (near the corner)
- 2. Extend your first finger and pluck the string about 2-3 inches over the end of the fingerboard.
- 3. Keep your thumb anchored on the side of the fingerboard
- 4. For the best sound, make the string vibrate as much as possible.

The Violin has four open strings. They are named from lowest to highest, left to right, and thick to thin. This sentence will help you remember which order they are in: $Good\ Dogs\ Always\ Eat.$



Let's Review how to hold the violin in playing position.

- 1. Stand or sit tall.
- 2. Instrument rests on left collar bone and shoulder
- 3. Jaw drops comfortably onto the chinrest (heavy head)
- 4. Left hand rests on the shoulder of the violin
- 5. Place left elbow directly beneath wrist/shoulder line



DDDD DDDD DDDD DDDD

2 Rock Hound

AAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA

3. Rock Tango

DDAA DDAA AADD AADD

4. The Twist

GGDD GGDD AADD GGGG

5. Lazy Afternoon

GGDD AADD GGDD AAGG

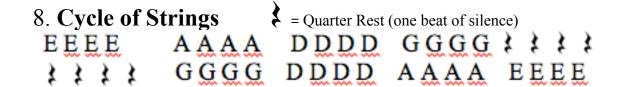
6. Skip to My Lou

DDDD AAAA DDDD AADD

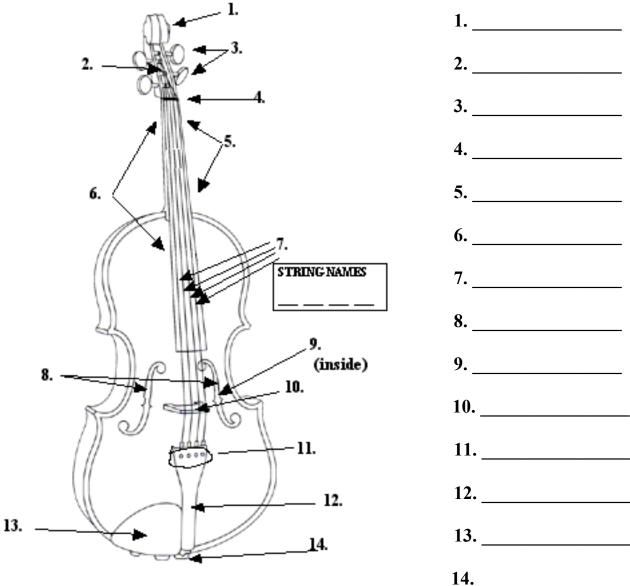
7. Mary Had a Little Lamb

DDDD DDDD AAAA DDDD

DDDD DDDD AAAA D-D-



*Pencil Fun- Do You Remember the Parts of the Violin?



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Lesson Two: Reading Music (Open Strings)

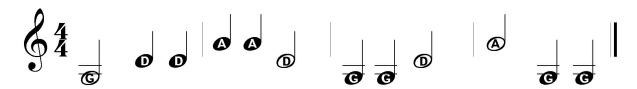
9. Teeter Totter



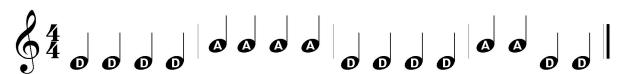
10. Bullfrog



11. Kangaroo



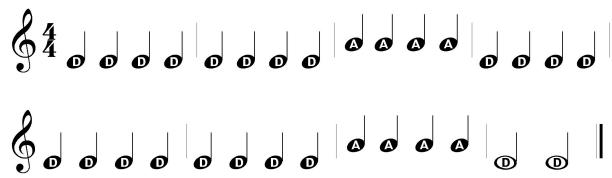
12. Skip to My Lou



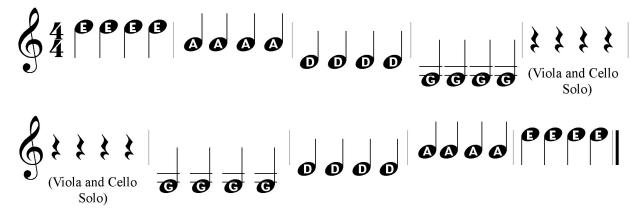
Lesson Three: More Open Strings



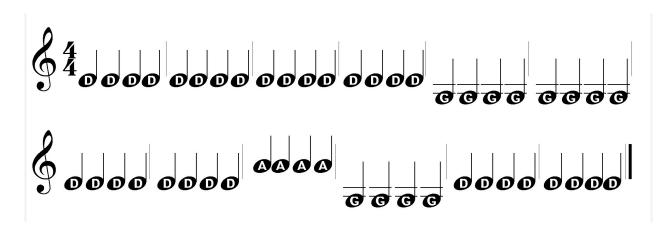
13. Mary Had a Little Lamb

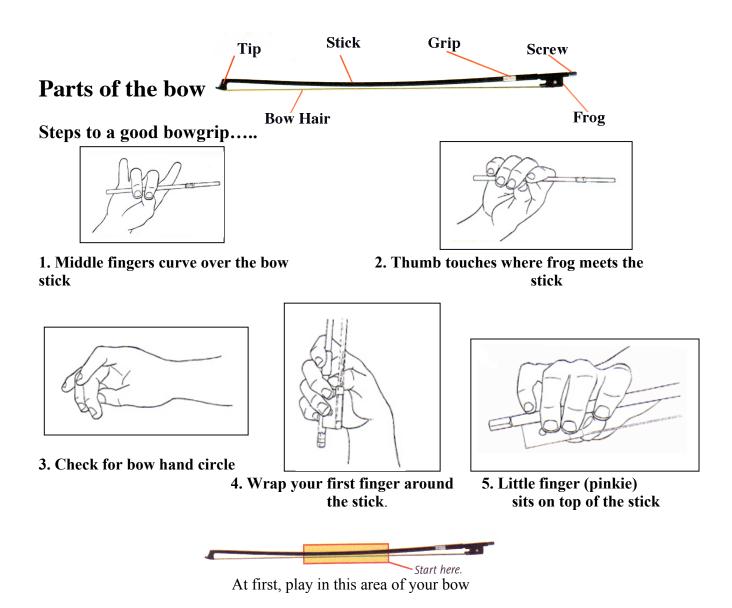


14. Cycle of Strings



15. Open String Blues





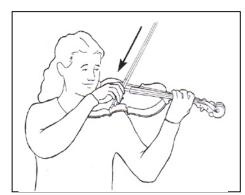
- a. Place your bow on the D string, halfway between the bridge and the fingerboard.
- b. Angle the bow so it is parallel with the bridge (your wrist should be bent upwards.)
- c. Pull the bow so it remains parallel to the bridge until you reach the tip. (You should need to bend your wrist the other way.)
- d. Move the bow and your wrist in the opposite direction

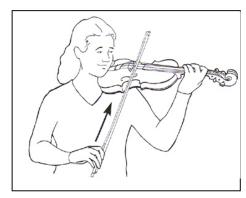




= Down bow (Pull Bow from frog to tip)

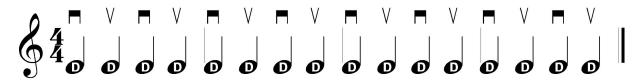
Up Bow (Push Bow from tip to frog)



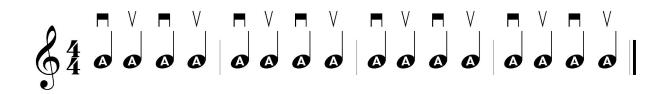


**The bow alternates back and forth unless marking is placed. Orchestra bows should all move together in the same direction.

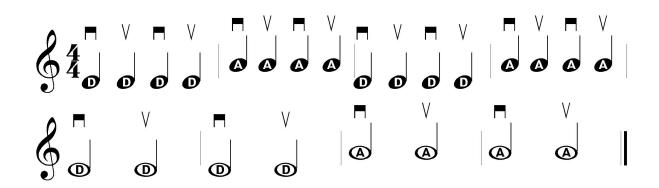
16. Bowing on "D"



17. Bowing on "A" - Tilt the bow to the A String

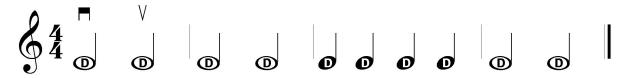


18. Alternate "DNA" - Tilt the bow from the D String to the A String Changing Strings: Your elbow is responsible for changing strings.

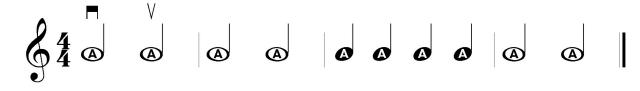


Bowing on Open Strings Review

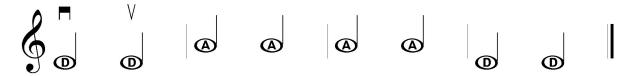
19. "D" Smooth One



20. Smooth "A"



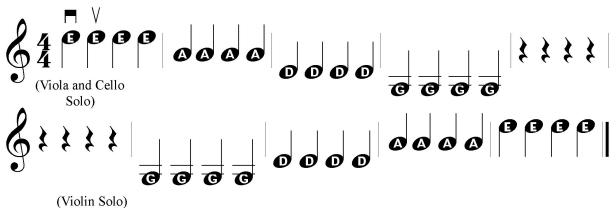
21. D N A

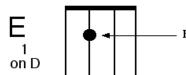


22. Teeter Totter



23. Cycle of Strings Encore



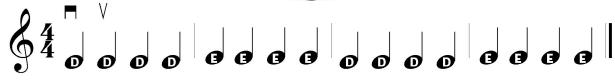


Lesson Five: "E" on the D String

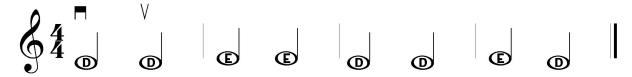
To play "E" on the D string, press the tip of your first finger down securely on the first stripe on the D string.



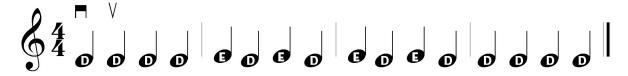
24. A Bumpy Road



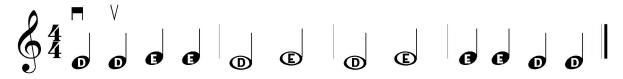
25. Smooth Sailin'



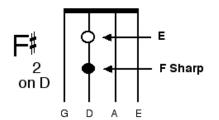
26. Back and Forth



27. Two Note Jive



Lesson Six: F# on the D String



To play F-Sharp, press the tip of your second finger on the second stripe on the D string.

Reminder: Keep your first finger on the first stripe.

= half rest (2 beats of silence)

28. Three Note Hill



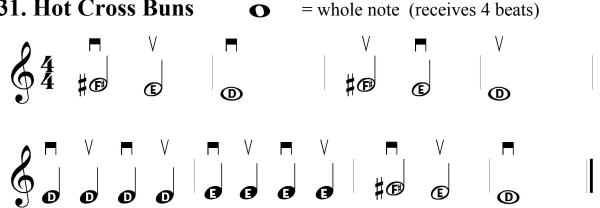
29. Up and Down



30. Fast and Slow

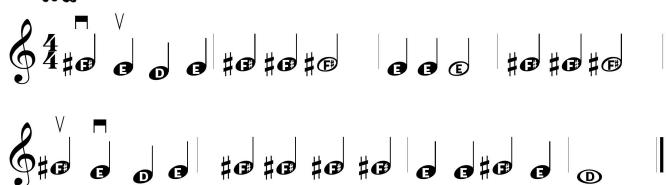


31. Hot Cross Buns





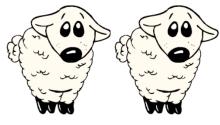
32. Mary Had a Little Lamb



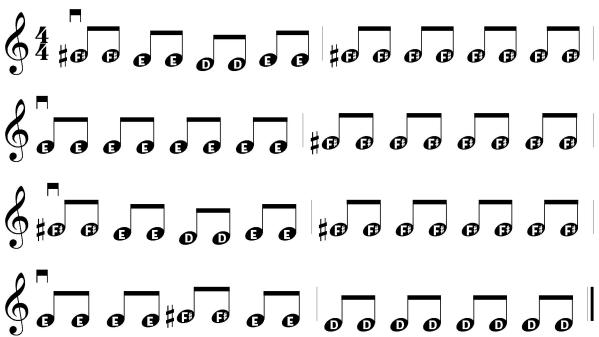


= Eighth notes

Each eighth note receives 1/2 of a count Two eighth notes beamed together = 1 count



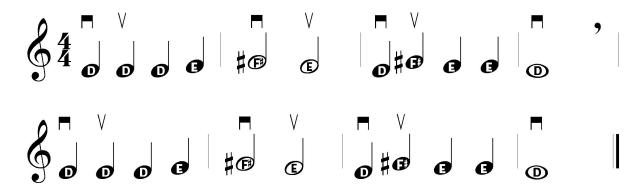
33. Mary Doubles



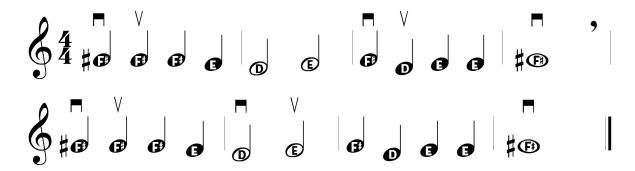
• = Bow Lift

(lift the bow off the string and reset it at the frog)

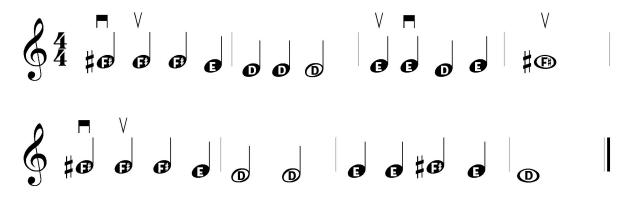
34. Claire de Lune



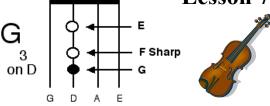
35. Lune de Claire



36. The Reapers



Lesson 7: New Note "G"



To play G, press the tip of your third finger on the third stripe.

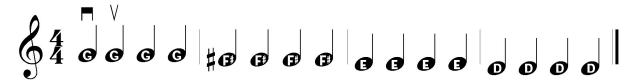
Keep your first two fingers down on the first two stripes on the D String.

KEEP ALL FINGERS DOWN

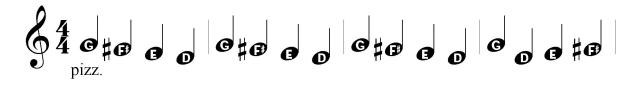
37. Going Up the D String

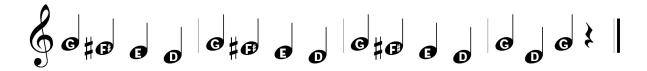


38. Going Down the D String

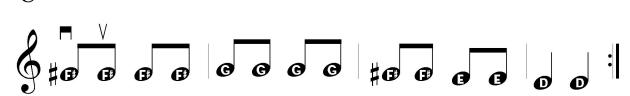


39. Pizzicato March





40. Bile Them Cabbage Down

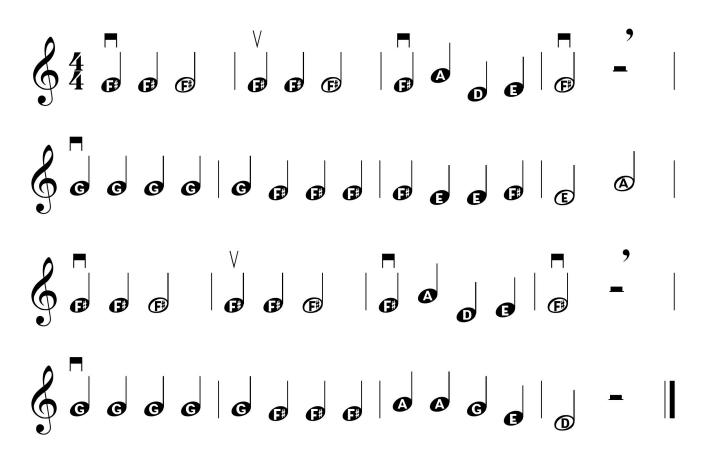


go back to beginning and play again

⁹ = Bow Lift

(lift the bow off the string and reset it at the frog)

41. Jingle Bells



42. Note Review

Match the note with the finger numbers

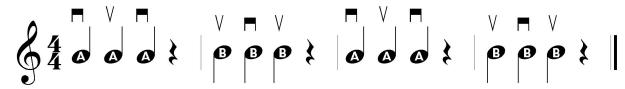
E	open D string
F#	3 on the D string
A	1 on the D string
D	open A string
G	2 on D string

Lesson 8: New Note "B"

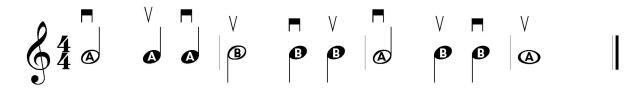


B is played with one finger on the first stripe on the A String

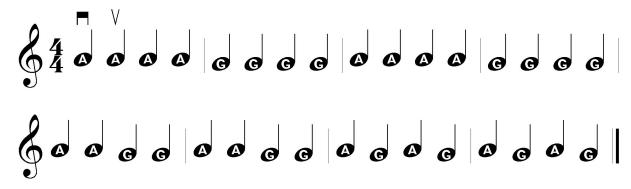
43. New Note B



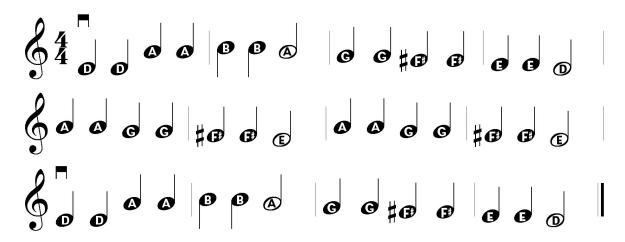
44. The Tortoise and the Hare



45. Crossing Over



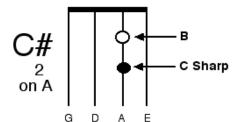
√ 46. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star



√ 47. Twinkle (Variation)



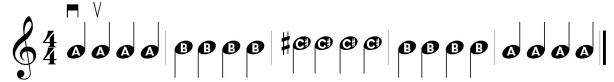
Lesson 9: C# on the A String



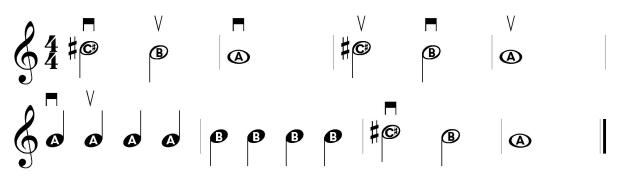
To play C-Sharp, press the tip of your second finger on the second stripe on the A string.

Reminder: Keep your first finger down on the first stripe.

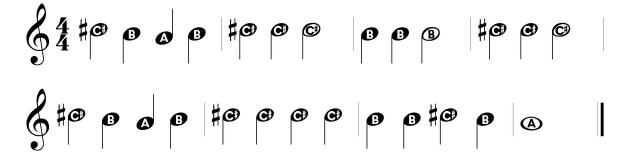
48. Up and Down the Hill



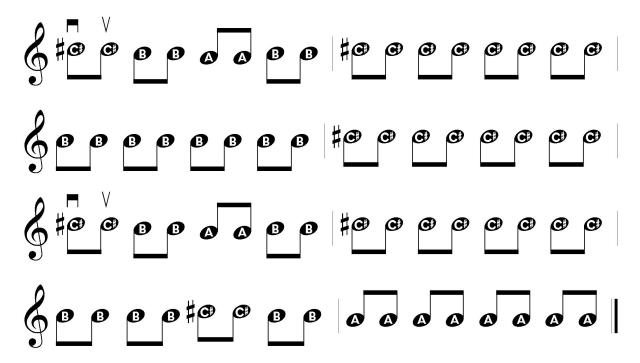
49. Hot Cross Buns on the A String



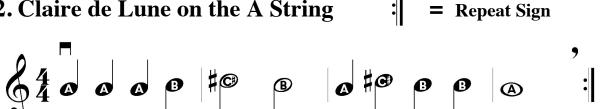
√ 50. Mary Had a Little Lamb on the A String



√ 51. Mary Double on the A String

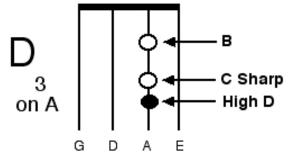


52. Claire de Lune on the A String



Go back to the beginning and play again

Lesson 10: High D on the A String



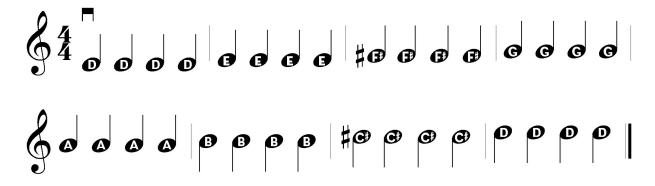
To play High D, press the tip of your third finger on the third stripe on the A string.

**Reminder: Keep your first two fingers down on the first two stripes.

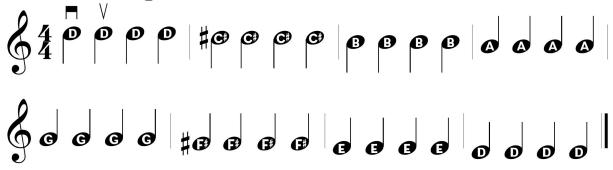
53. Up the A string



54. Climbing the D Scale

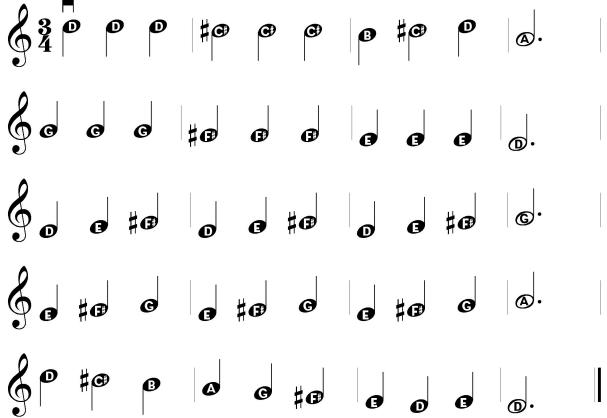


55. Descending

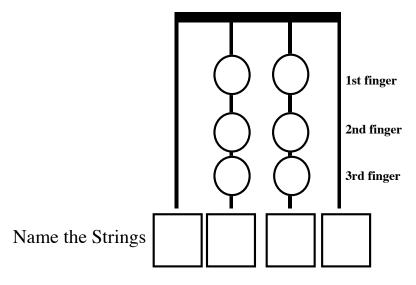




√ 56. French Folk Song

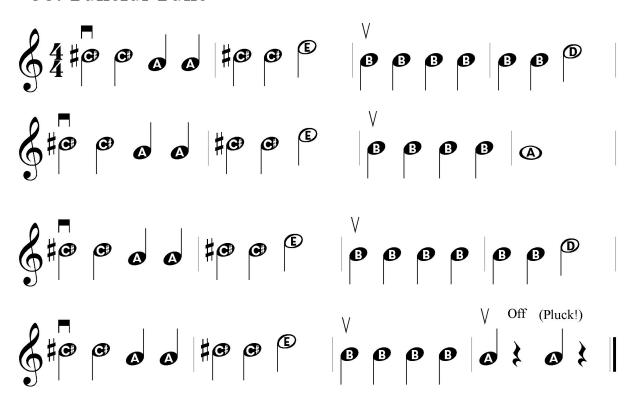


57. Note Review- Write the note names for all the notes you have learned so far

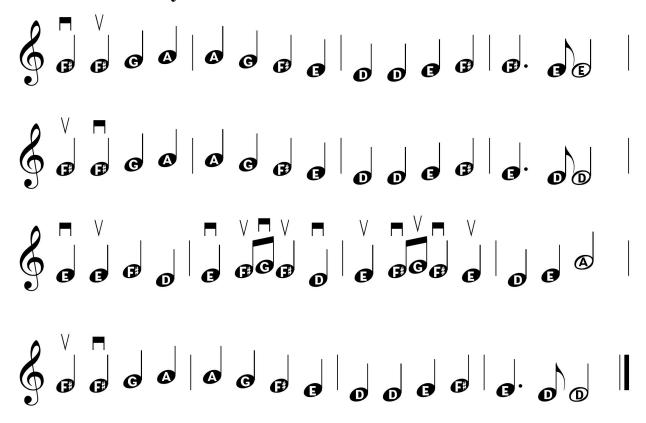


High E: play your open E String

√58. Tuneful Tune

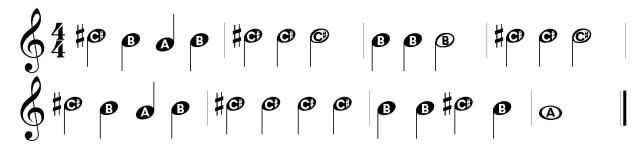


✓ 59. Ode to Joy

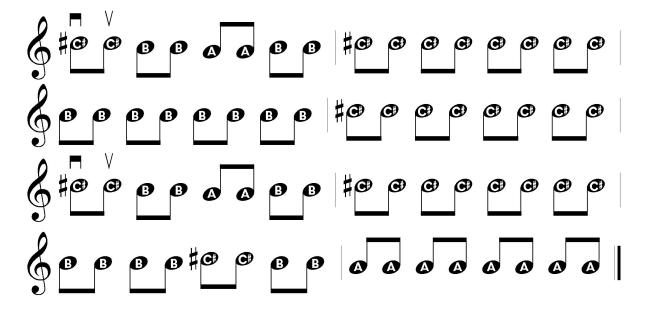


Honor 4th Grade String Songs

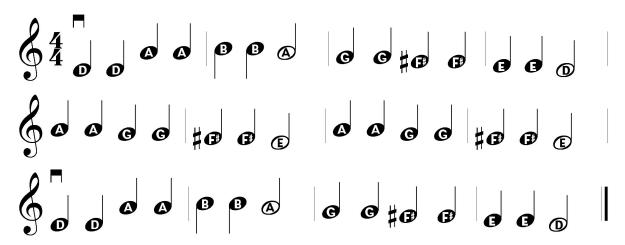
60. Mary on the A String



61. Mary Doubles- (1st Variation)



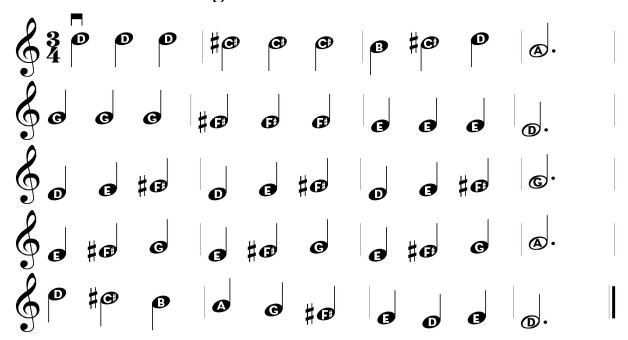
62. Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star



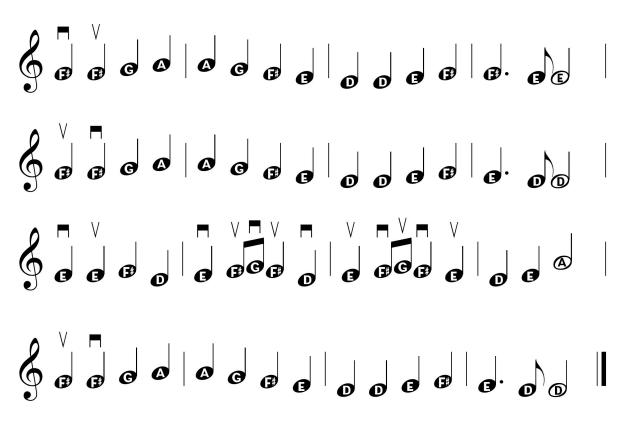
63. Twinkle Variation



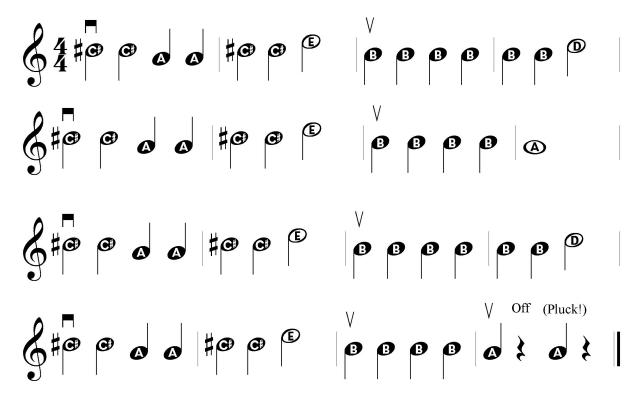
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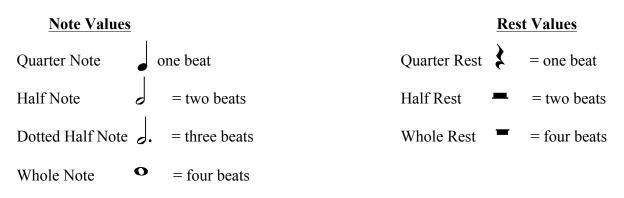
65. Ode to Joy



66. Tuneful Tune



Some Basic Rhythmic Fundamentals



67. Quiz

1. A	O	receives	beats.
2. A	_	receives	beats.
3. A		receives	beats.
4. A	\$	receives	beats.
5. A		receives	beats.
6. A	_	receives	beats.
7. A	ا.	receives	beats.

Directions: Match each note to the number of beats it gets



String Instrument Word Search

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alto clef
bow lift
down bow
half rest
quarter note
sharp
treble clef
whole rest

arco bridge end button measure quarter rest shoulder pad tuning pegs

barline cello fine tuners melody repeat sign sound holes up bow bass clef chin rest fingerboard neck rhythm tailpiece viola

bow double bar frog notes rosin tempo violin bow grip down bar half note pizzicato scroll time signature whole note

Reading Music

Staff

Treble Clef

Time Signature

A music staff has five lines and four spaces.

The treble clef is located at the beginning of every staff and tells us this music is for violin and other high pitched instruments.

The top number tells us how many beats are in each measure. The bottom number tells us which kind of note receives one beat.

Rhythm Chart

• Whole note = 4 beats

Half note = 2 beats

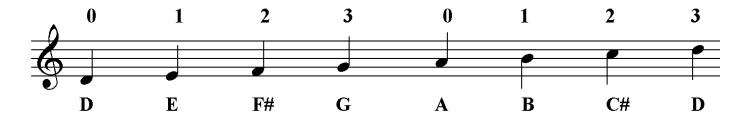
Quarter note = 1 beat

Eighth note = $\frac{1}{2}$ beat

4 Steps to Success

- 1. Count and clap the rhythms.
- 2. Clap and sing the note names.
- 3. Sing note names and shadow bow.
- 4. Play.

Note Name and Fingering Reference Chart



E on the D String



E is located on the first line.

Open D is located below the staff.



67. First Finger March







69. Mix Em Up



70. ED Takes a Stroll

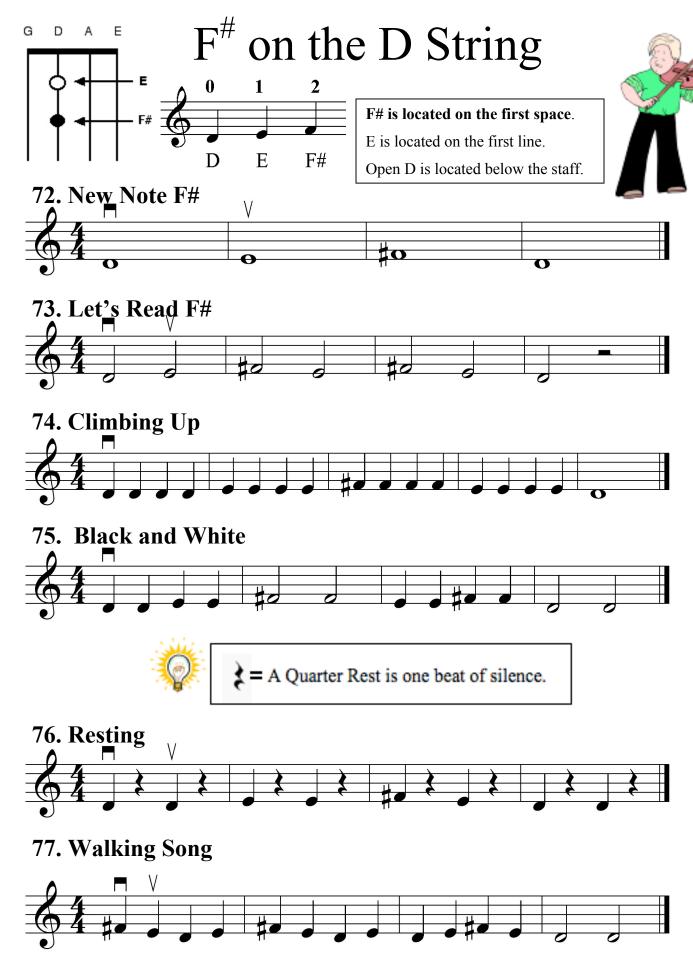


71. Diz-E-Dog



There are four counts in each measure. Write each count in the correct space. Start each measure with count one. Don't forget that half notes receive two counts and whole notes receive four counts!





F# Tunes



Bow Lift

Lift bow off of the string and reset at the frog.



78. The Reapers





79. Skip-A-Long





80. Claire de Lune





81. Lune de Claire





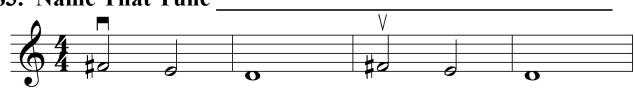
More F# Tunes

82. Write the note names on the lines below.



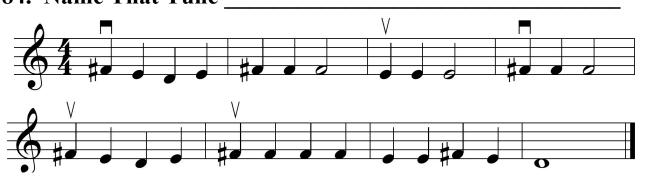


83. Name That Tune





84. Name That Tune



85. Peter's Hammer







G Tunes

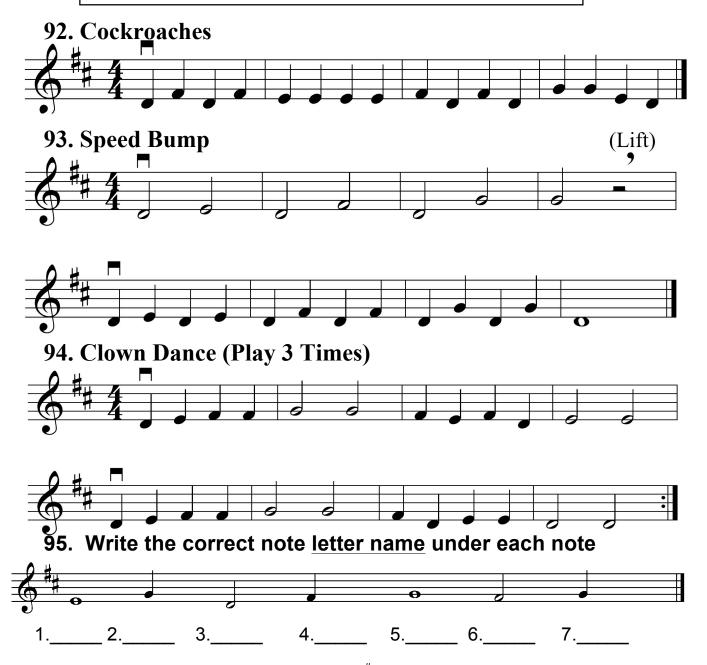
KEY SIGNATURE



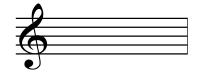


In this *key signature* you will play all F's as F[#]'s and all C's as C[#]'s. The *key signature* is always located at the beginning of each line. You will notice that there are no longer any sharps located in the songs.

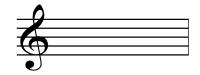




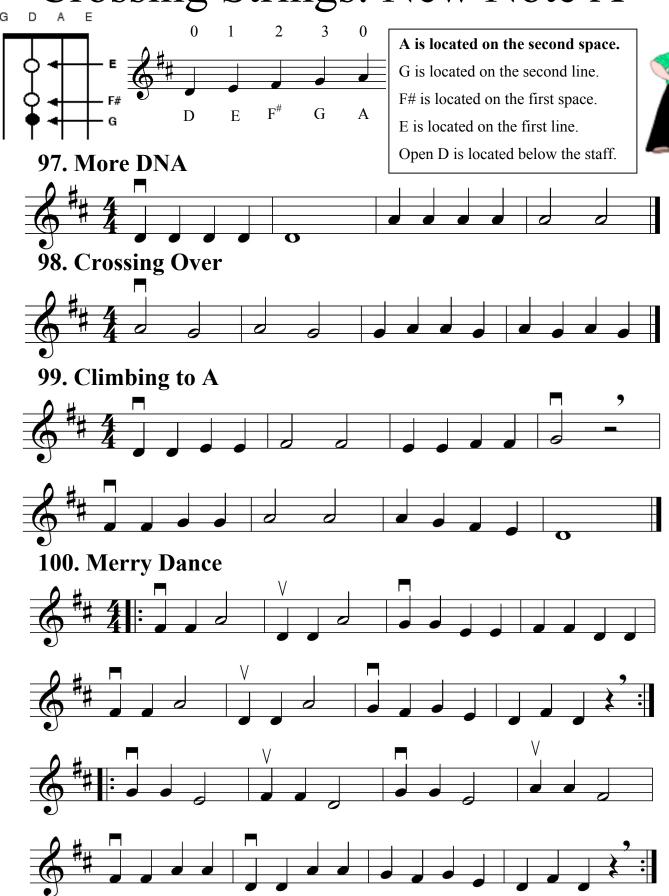
96. Draw four E quarter notes 2. Draw four $F^{\#}$ quarter notes 3. Draw two G half notes





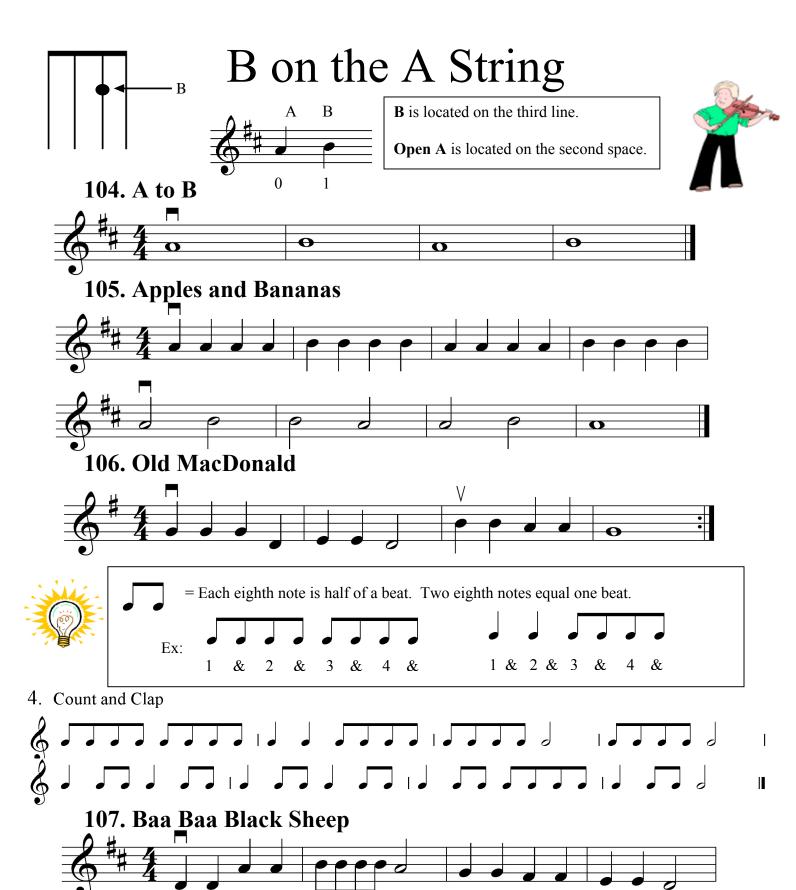


Crossing Strings: New Note A

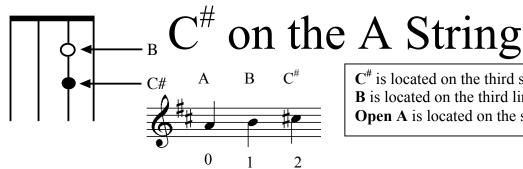


A Tunes









C[#] is located on the third space.

B is located on the third line.

Open A is located on the second space.



108. My A-B-C-'s



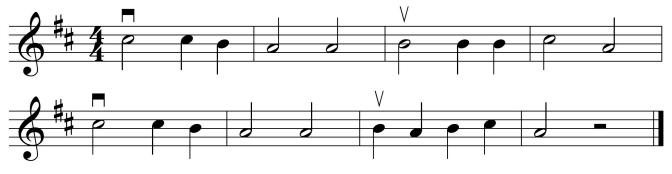
109. Apples, Bananas, and Cherries



110. Merry Go Round

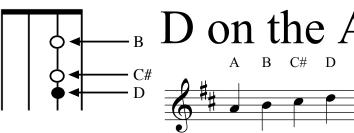


111. Go Tell Aunt Rhodie



112. Name That Tune





D on the A String

D is located on the fourth line. $\mathbf{C}^{\#}$ is located on the third space.

B is located on the third line.

Open A is located on the second space.



113. Reaching for High D



114. Donkey Song



115. Rockin' on the A String



116. D Major Scale and Arpeggio



D Tunes



A Repeat Sign tells you to repeat the music.



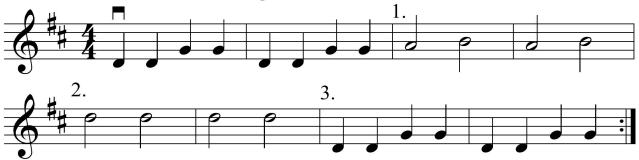
117. School March



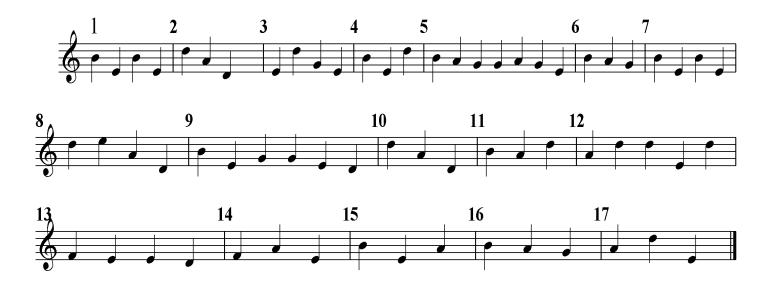
118. Bohemian Folk Song



119. Scotland's Burning



Complete the Story



Each group of notes spells a word. Use the words to fill in the blanks in the following story. The number "1" group spells the word for the number "1" blank, the number "2" group spells the word for the number "2" blank, and so on.

	_(1) and her mom and	l(2) were movin	g into a new home at
the	(3) of town. It	was their last night in the	old house. Everything
was moved ou	t except a	(4), some	(5), and a
sleeping	(6)	(7)	(8) around
here." She	(9) to have	a party that last night, bu	†(10)
said it was a(11) time to have friends over, and, too it was late.			
Mom	(12) that there w	as no way she could	(13) anyone,
so a party was out. Just then the door flew open. There were Ruthie,			
(14) and(15) standing in the doorway, yelling "Surprise!"			
Each carried a(16) filled with goodies. They also brought paper			
plates and cups. There was even a jug of lemon(17). What started			
out as a dull evening turned out to be a fun time for all.			

Glossary of Terms

Accidentals (#,4,b): sharp, natural, and flat symbols for altering pitch.

Arco: to play using the bow.

Arpeggio: notes of a chord played separately.

Beat: the pulse of the music.

Bow lanes: point of contact of the bow, near the bridge or near the fingerboard.

Bow lift: lift the bow from the string and return to the frog in a circular motion.

Clef sign: located at the beginning of each line of music, the clef sign defines the letter names for the lines and spaces on the staff for your instrument.

Col legno: or more precisely col legno battuto (<u>Italian</u> for "hit with the wood"), is an instruction to strike the string with the stick of the bow.

Down bow: moving bow toward tip; pull.

Duet: music in two parts.

Fermata: symbol indicating to hold a note longer.

Key signature: identifies notes that are raised or lowered.

Ledger lines: extend the staff with small lines written above or below.

Legato: play with smooth bow strokes.

Measure: the space between barlines.

Octave: a pitch that is eight notes higher or lower and both pitches have the same letter name.

Pizzicato (*pizz.*): pluck the string with the index finger of the right hand.

Repeat sign: go back and play a section of music again.

Scale: a set of eight notes in ascending or descending order that begins and ends on the same letter.

Spiccato: bowing technique for string instruments in which the bow bounces lightly upon the string.

Staccato: stopped bow stroke.

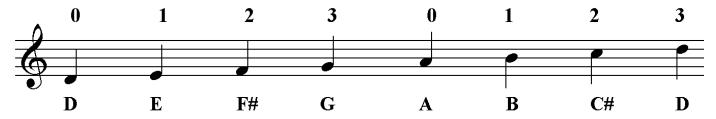
Staff: 5 lines and 4 spaces, used for writing music.

Time signature: indicates how many beats are in a measure (top number) and what kind of note gets one beat (bottom number).

Tremolo: shake the bow back and forth rapidly as if trembling.

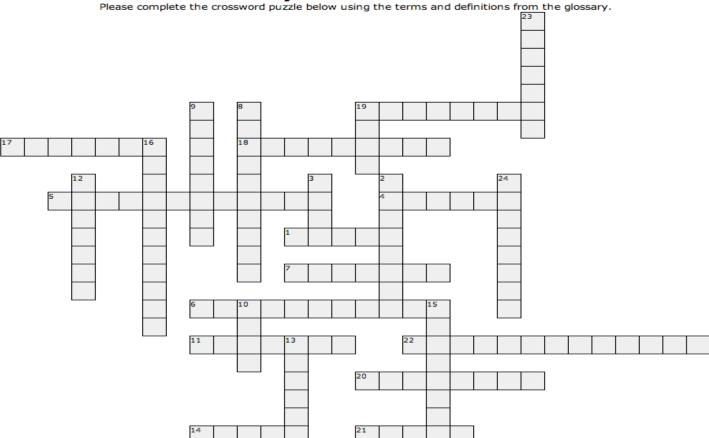
Up bow: moving bow toward frog; push.

Note Name and Fingering Reference Chart



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Glossary Crossword Puzzle



Across:

- 1. 5 lines and 4 spaces, used for writing music
- 4. play with smooth bow strokes
- 5. identifies notes that are raised or lowered (2 words)
- extend the staff with small lines written above or below (2 words)
- lift the bow from the string and return to the frog in a circular motion (2 words)
- 11. shake the bow back and forth rapidly as if trembling
- a set of eight notes in ascending or descending order that begins and ends on the same letter
- symbol indicating to hold a note longer
- 18. pluck the string with the index finger of the right hand
- 19. notes of a chord played separately
- 20. stopped bow stroke
- 21. moving the bow toward frog; push (2 words)
- 22. indicates how many beats are in a measure (top number) an what kind of note receives one beat (bottom number) (2 words)

Down:

- 2. located at the beginning of each line of music, this symbol defines the letter names for the lines and spaces on the staff for your instrument (2 words)
- 3. the pulse of the music
- 8. go back and play a section of music again (2 words)
- 9. points of contact of the bow, near the bridge or near the fingerboard (2 words)
- music in two parts
- the space between barlines
- 13. a pitch that is eight notes higher or lower and both pitches have the same letter name
- bowing technique for string instruments in which the bow bounces lightly upon the string.
- 16. sharp, natural, and flat symbols for altering pitch
- 19. to play using the bow
- 23. moving bow toward tip; pull (2 words)
- 24. an instruction to strike the string with the stick of the bow (2 words)

