

# Music Theory Grade 1 Lesson 1

## Notes



Music can be thought of as two simple elements, sounds that are played and playing these sounds at certain times. When a musical instrument makes a single sound, the sound is called a note. This note has a pitch (how high or low the sound is) and a duration (how long it sounds for). Every instrument is designed to make these notes in various ways. You may hit something, blow through something, push something or even squeeze something to make the instrument produce the note. Notes make up music to form melodies, harmonies and rhythms. In written music, notes are represented by circles (or ovals) placed on or between lines. The position of the circle will represent a change in the sound of the note produced.

**Question 1.** Name 3 instruments that can play a note?

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**Question 2.** What are the two parts that make up a note?

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**Question 3.** How is a note represented in written music?

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**Question 4.** Can drums play notes?

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