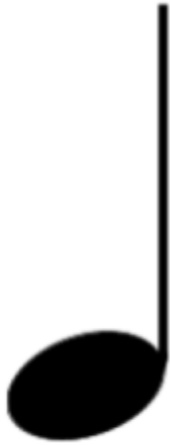


Beginning Rhythm for Little Ones

Use the posters in the Rhythm for Preschoolers and Early Elementary Children's Teaching Guide as a visual to help in teaching. The Beginning Rhythms introduce the quarter note, quarter rest, and pair of eighth notes!



Tah
(Quarter Note)



Sh
(Quarter Rest)



Ti Ti
(Pair of Eighth Notes)

Teach the rhythms similarly to how you teach your child animal sounds. You probably pointed to a picture of a pig and said something like, "The pig says, 'oink'. Can you say, 'oink?'" You can show the quarter note poster and say, "The quarter note says, 'tah'. Can you say, 'tah?'" Don't worry about your child saying the real names (quarter note, quarter rest, pair of eighth notes) right now. Your child only needs to know the sounds to read the rhythms. He or she will probably learn the real names after some repetition anyway! Teach the quarter rest and pair of eighth notes in the same way. "The quarter rest says, 'sh'" and "The pair of eighth notes says, 'Ti-ti'."

As you teach the quarter note and the quarter rest with the posters, demonstrate and help your child give the quarter note and quarter rest the same length. A quarter note and a quarter rest both get 1 beat. The pair of eighth notes is 1 beat divided between 2 sounds. Each 'Ti' gets $\frac{1}{2}$ a beat. Demonstrate and help your child say the pair of eighth notes in the correct time.

Another helpful tip is to use a steady-beat and in-time voice when saying, "The quarter note says, 'tah'." You could pat your legs to a steady beat as you say, "The quarter note says, 'tah'." You and your child could pat to a steady beat and say the words together.

You can help your child cut out and match the following visuals to the quarter note, pair of eighth notes, and quarter rest posters. Later you can match these visuals with the flash cards.



Quarter Note
"Ta"

Pair of Eighth Notes
"Ti-Ti"

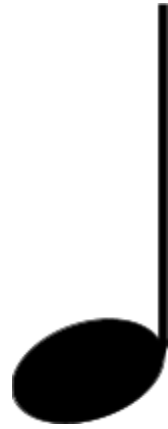
Quarter Rest
"Sh"

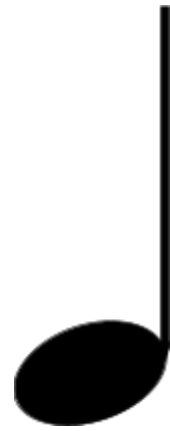
After learning the quarter note, quarter rest, and pair of eighth notes, your child is ready for the Beginning Rhythm Flash Cards in this PDF. The quarter note, quarter rest, and pair of eighth notes are the only notes used in the Beginning Preschool Rhythms, so your child only needs to know the sounds for those three to begin reading the rhythms. Below is an example of a Beginning Rhythm Flash Card and what your child should say.

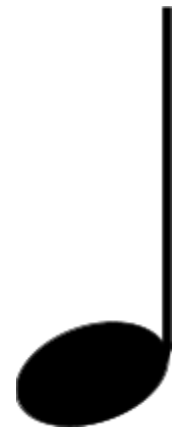


Your child should say, "Tah Tah Ti Ti Sh"

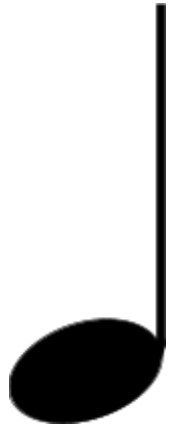
As your child becomes more comfortable reading rhythms, he or she can also play the rhythms as he or she reads them! You can use any child's instrument for this, or you can create your own instrument. Some easy instruments are pots and pans with wooden spoons for drums, a plastic container filled with dry rice or beans as a maraca, and rubber bands wrapped around a tissue box to pluck as a stringed instrument.

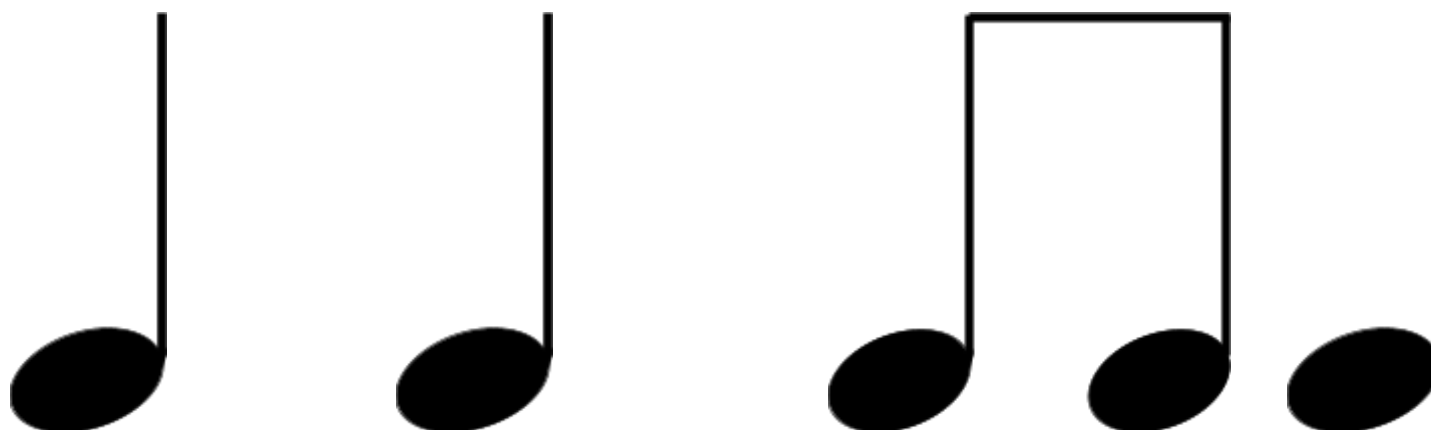
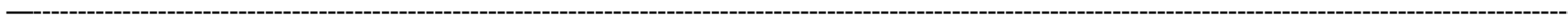


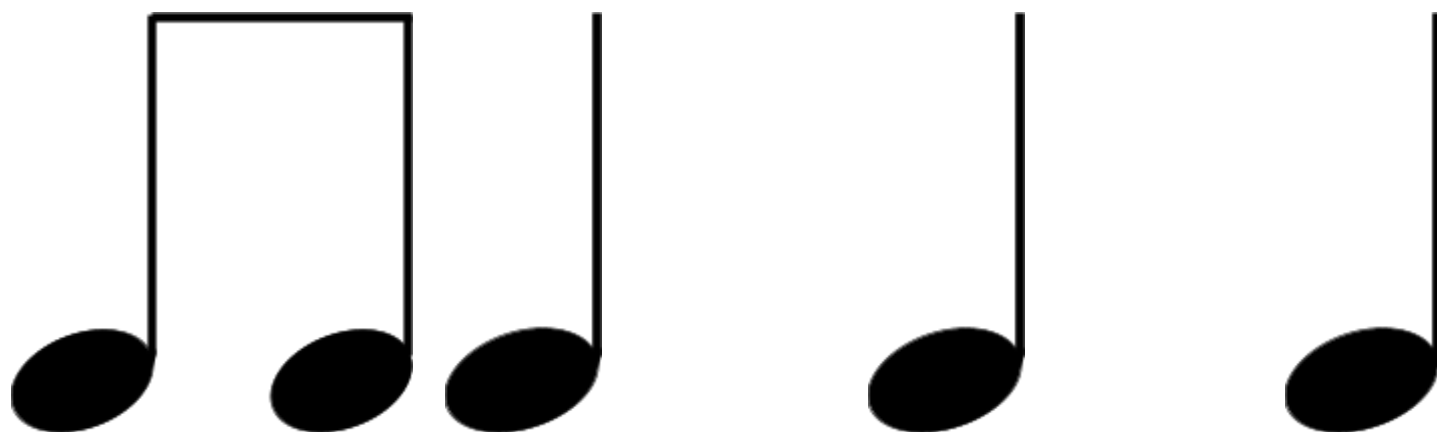
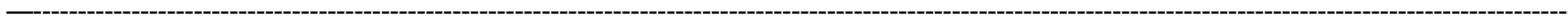
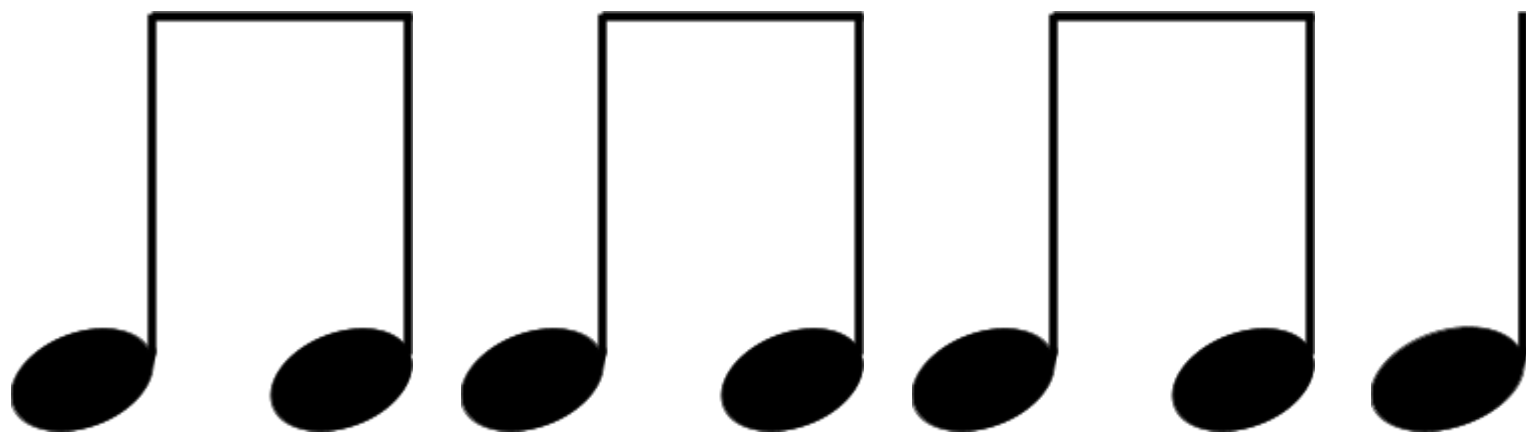


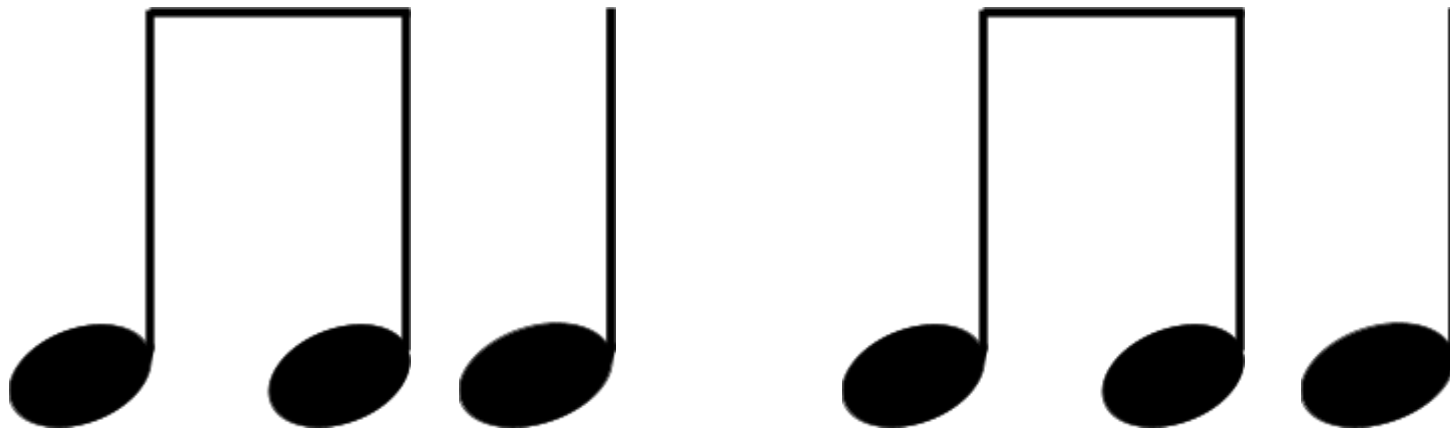
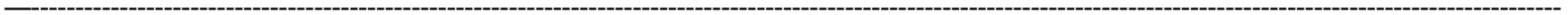


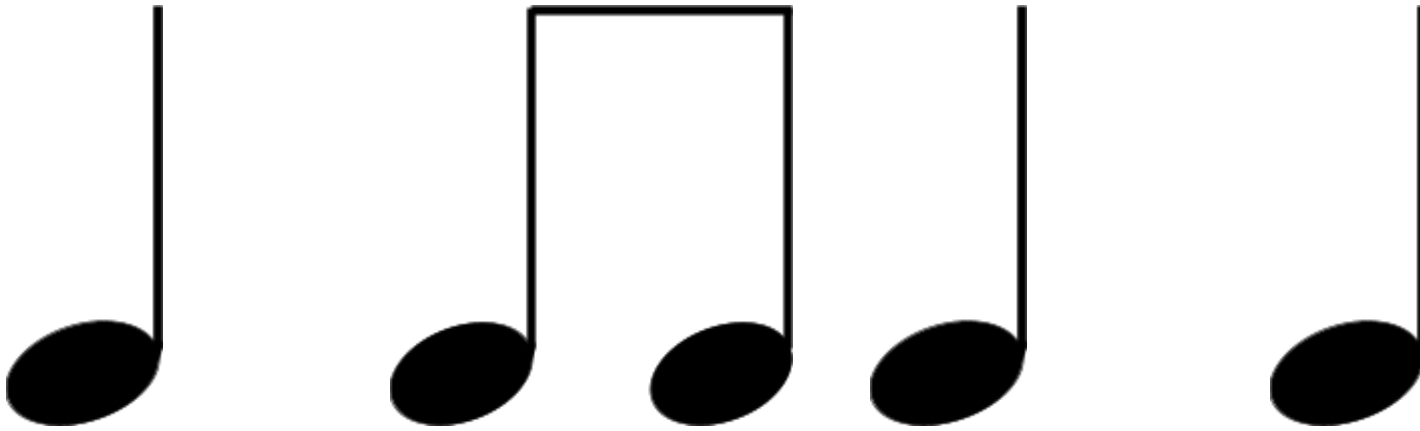


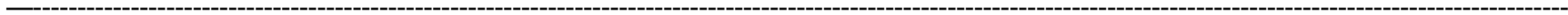
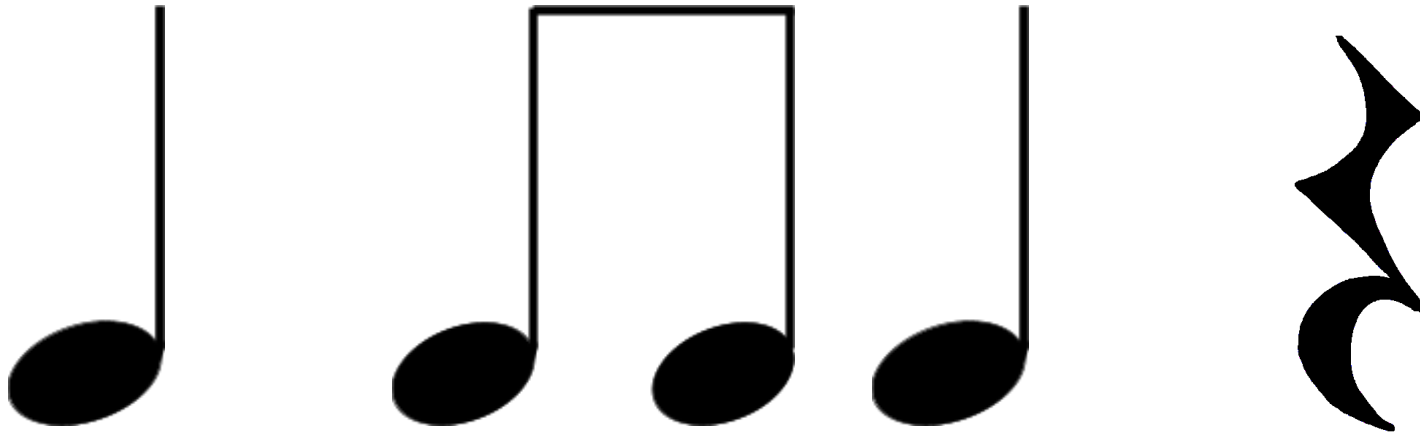


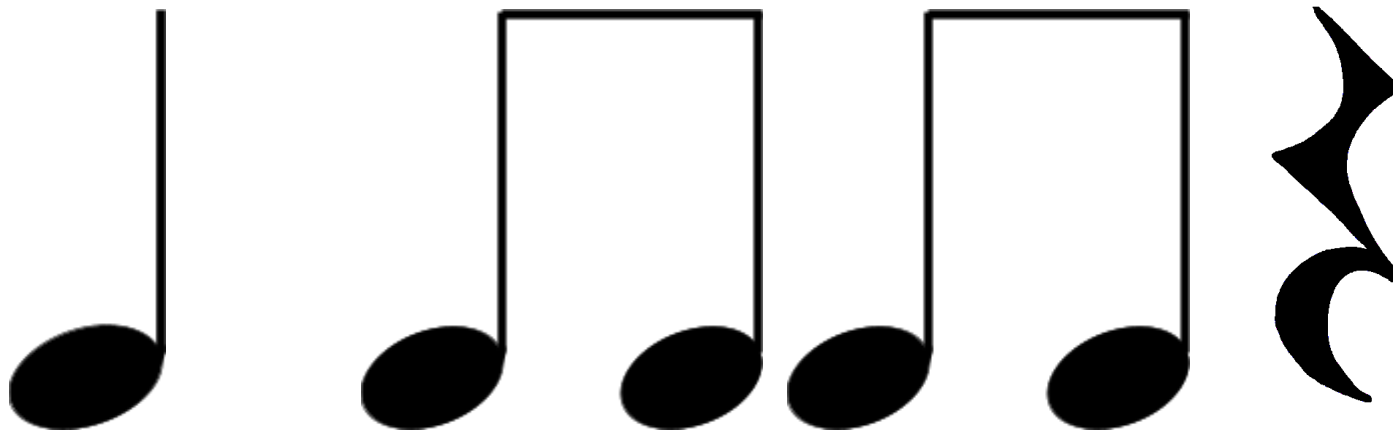
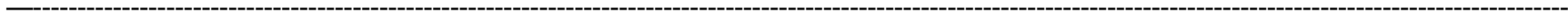
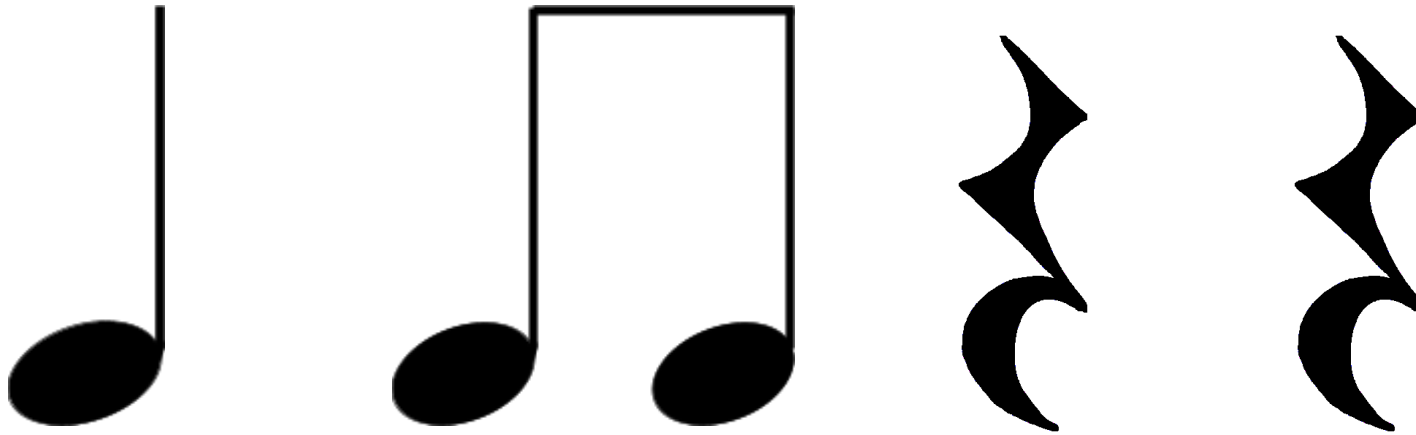


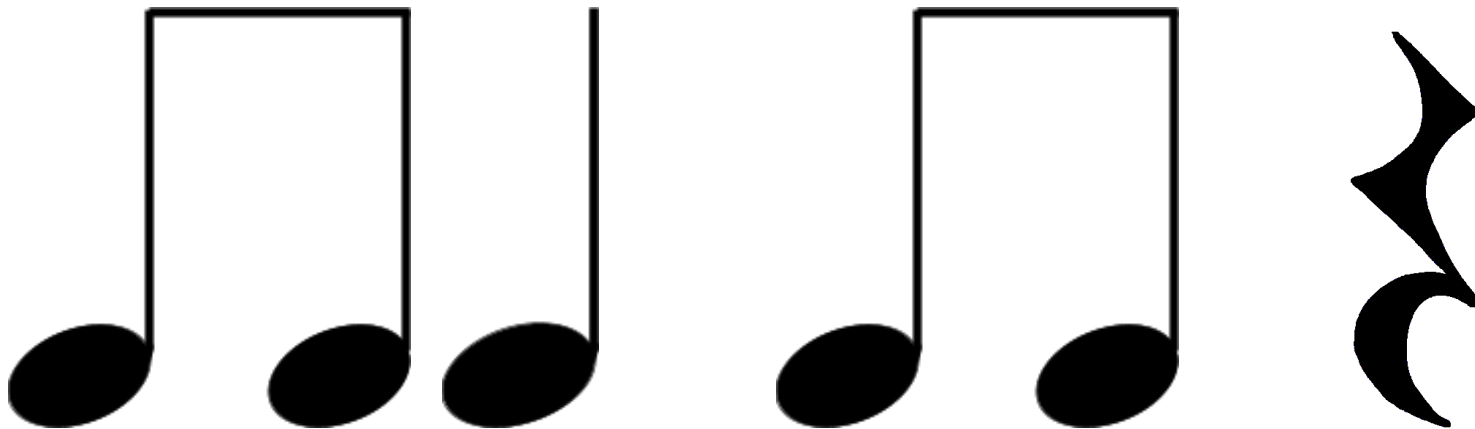
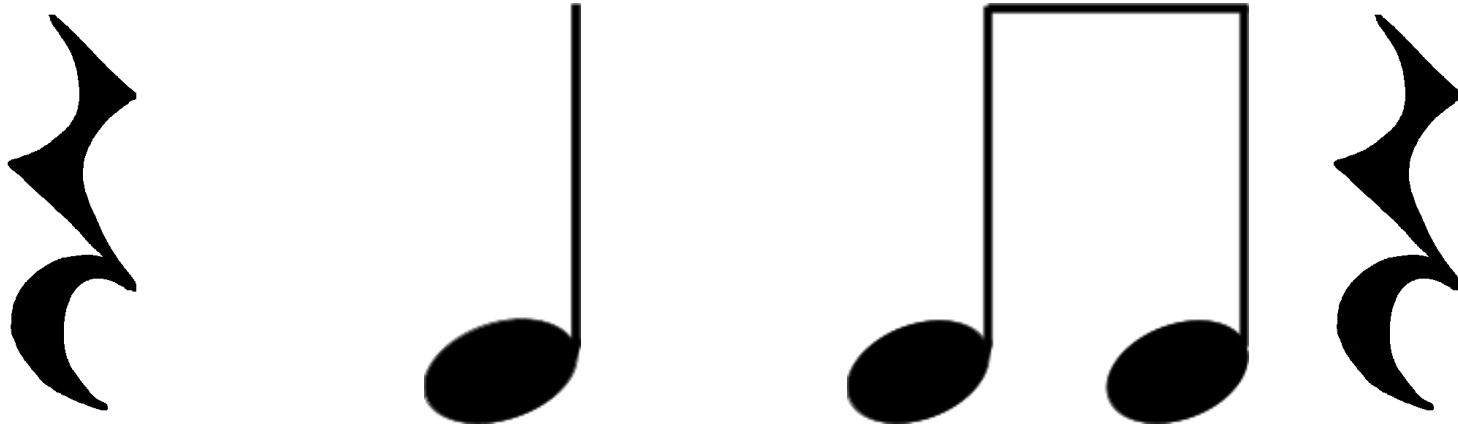








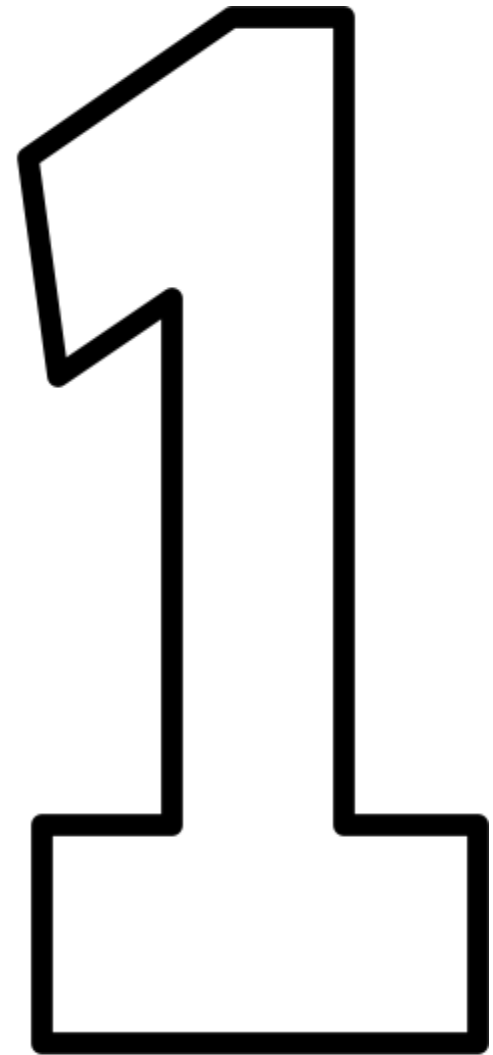
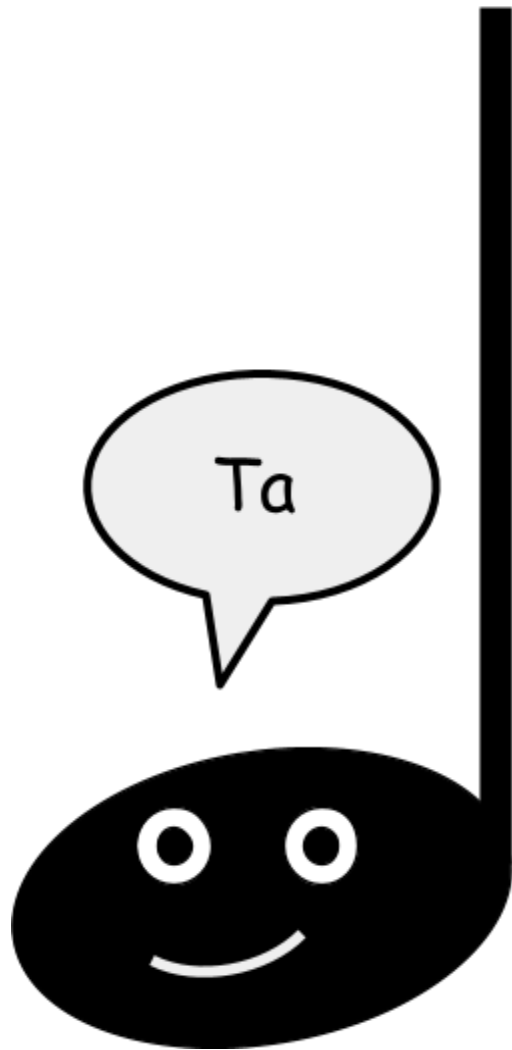




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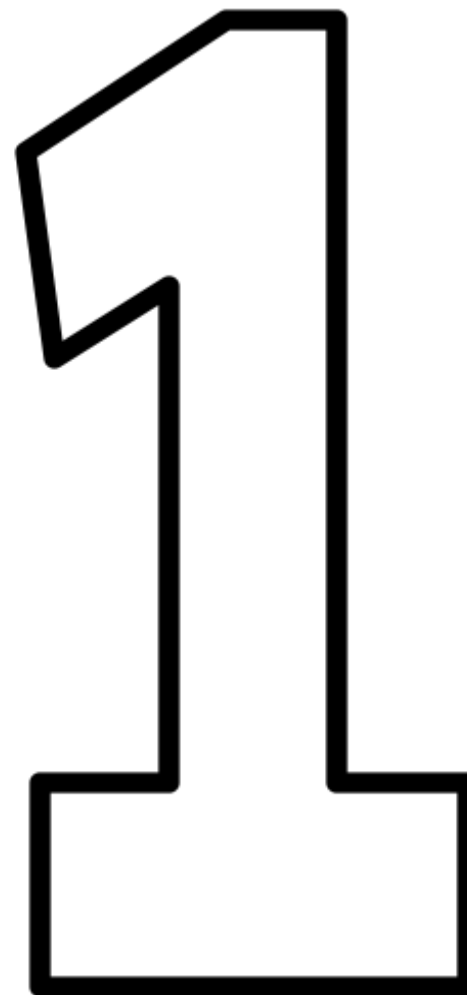
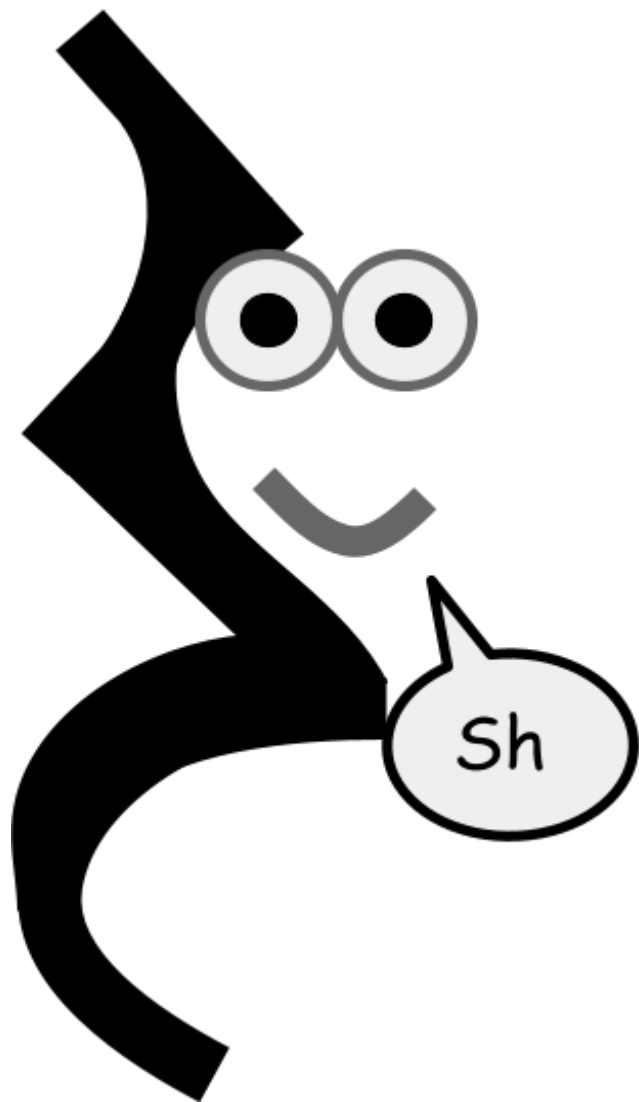
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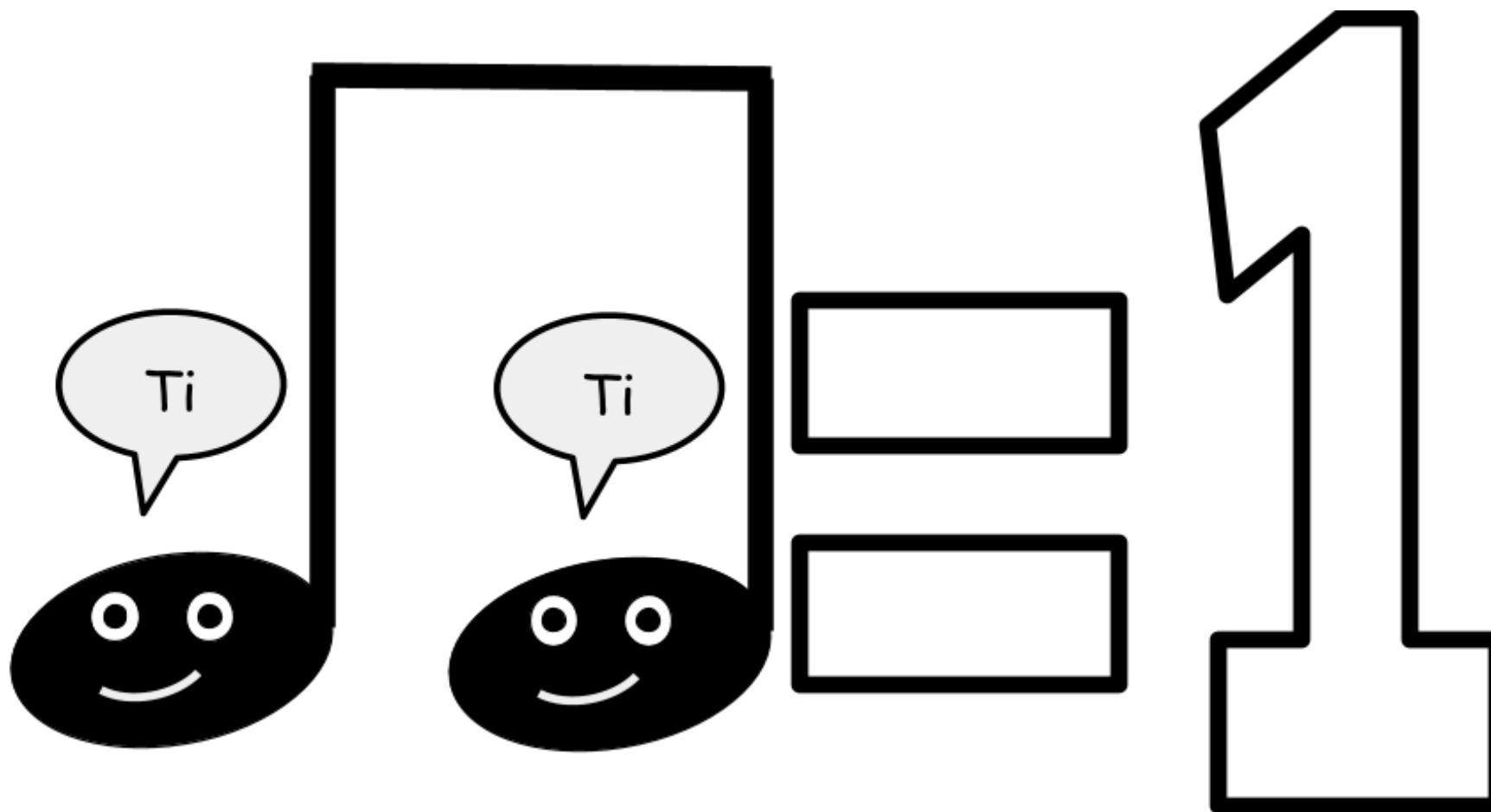
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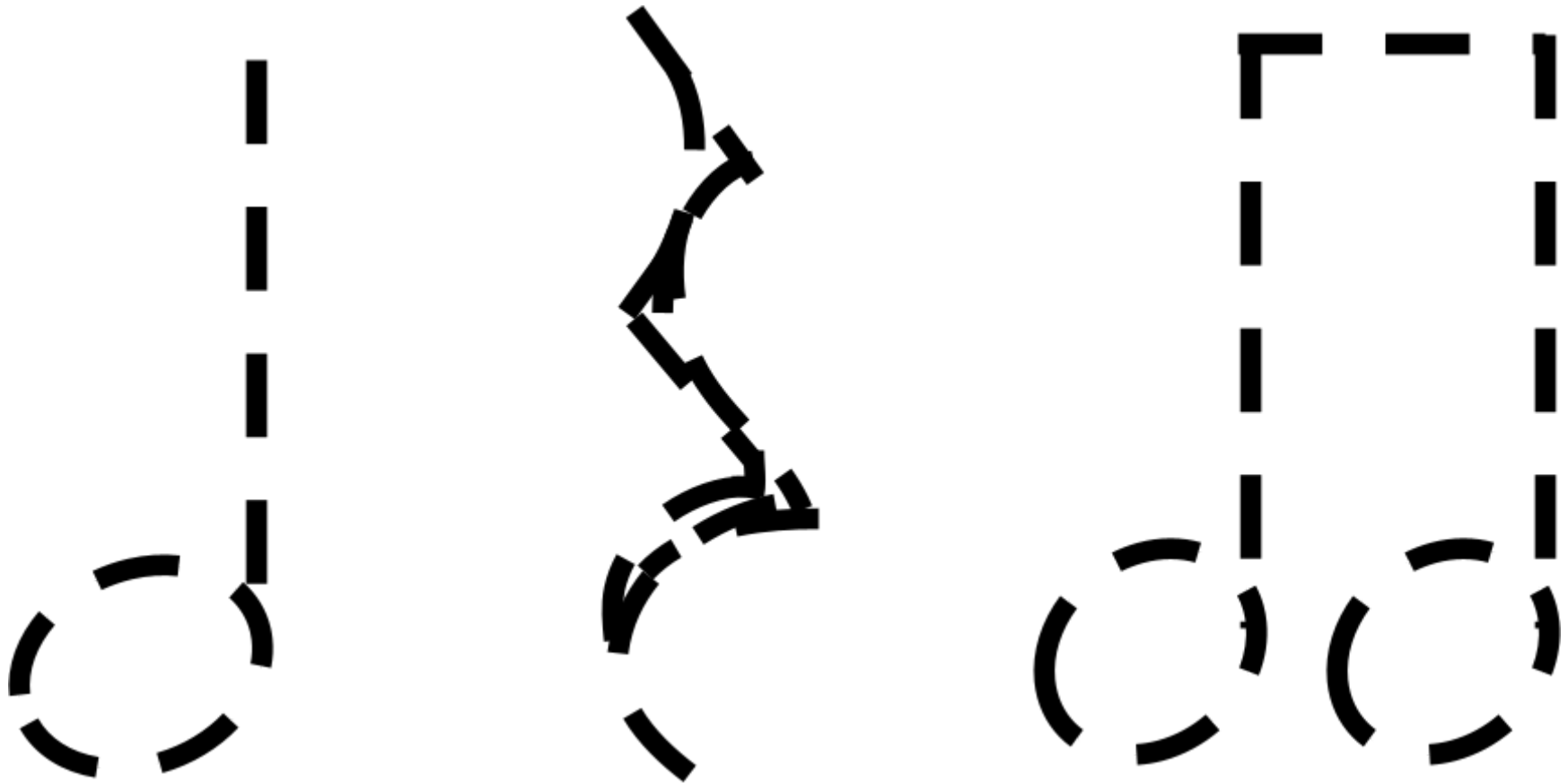
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Trace and color the music symbols.



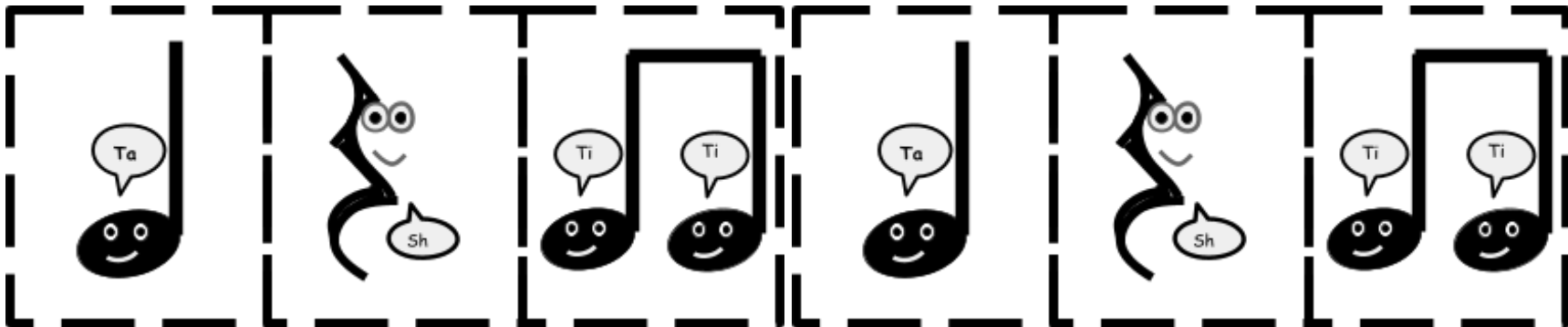
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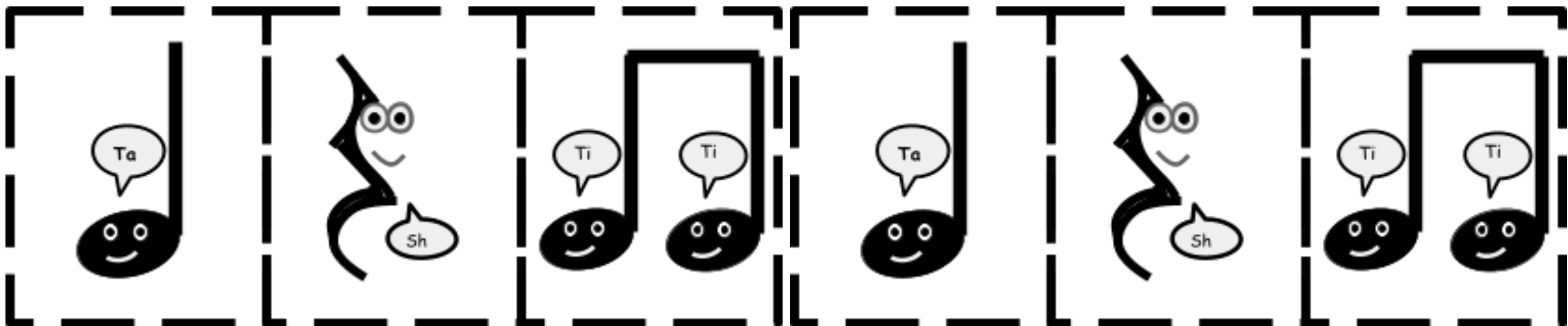
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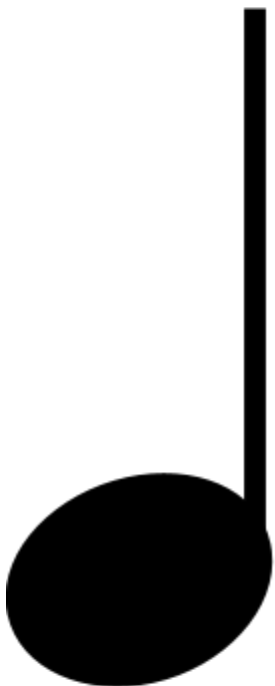


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Use playdough to create the music notes on this playdough mat.

What sound does the quarter note make?



What colors did you use?

What sound does the quarter rest make?



What shapes did you make?

What sound does the pair of eighth notes make?

