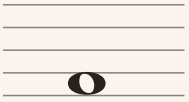
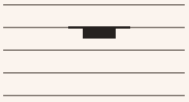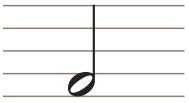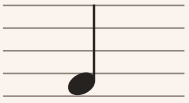
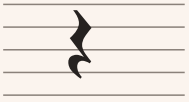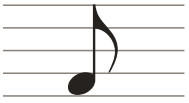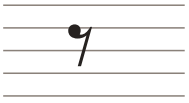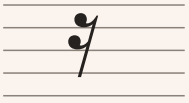
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Note values and rests

From the whole note to the sixteenth note: the note, its rest and how many beats it lasts.

NAME	NOTE	REST	BEATS
Whole note British name: semibreve			4
Half note British name: minim			2
Quarter note British name: crotchet			1
Eighth note British name: quaver			½
Sixteenth note British name: semiquaver			¼

Beats are counted with the quarter note as one beat, as in 4/4 time. Each value is half as long as the one above it. A dot after a note adds half of its value: a dotted half note lasts 3 beats, a dotted quarter note lasts 1½ beats.

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