



Skill Builder: Rhythm Drills

OVERVIEW

The instrument parts for *A+* contain rhythms that use a variety of quarter notes and rests, eighth notes and rests, and dotted quarter notes. To prepare to play the rhythms correctly, Rhythm Drill sheets are provided to prepare the students to read and accurately perform these rhythms.

LEARNING GOALS

Students will improve their ability to perform rhythms containing quarter, eighth, and dotted quarter notes and rests.

RESOURCES & MATERIALS

Rhythm Drill Sheet Music: Rhythm Drill or Dotted Quarter Eighth Note Rhythm Drill

PROCESS

Activity #1

1. Distribute **Rhythm Drill** or **Dotted Quarter Eighth Note Rhythm Drill** to the students.
2. Select the number of the measure that contains the rhythm you would like to drill.
3. Ask students to clap the rhythm, perform the rhythm on a unison note, or apply the rhythm to each note of a selected scale.

Activity #2

Ask students to write in the rhythm counts on the sheets as an assignment/assessment tool.