

The Half Note

two

dos

zwei

deux

stem

head = 2 counts or beats

$\text{quarter note} + \text{quarter note} = \text{half note}$

1. Tap and count aloud:
Feel 2 beats.

1-2
or Ta - ah

1-2
Ta - ah

1-2
Ta - ah

1-2
Ta - ah

2. Play four half notes on any key. Count aloud and keep a steady beat!
Tap \downarrow notes to the steady tick of the metronome.



3. Draw 3 half notes for the **right hand**.
The stem goes up on the right side.
Write 1-2 below each note.



Ex. $\frac{1-2}{\text{counts}}$

_____ counts

_____ counts

_____ counts

4. Draw 3 half notes for the **left hand**.
The stem goes down on the left side.
Write 1-2 below each note.



Ex. $\frac{1-2}{\text{counts}}$

_____ counts

_____ counts

_____ counts



DISCOVERY Close your eyes and listen. Your teacher will begin playing some **half notes** and then change to **quarter notes**. When you hear the change, say, "quarter notes." Keep going and name each change that you hear.