

Time signatures

The Top number refers to the NUMBER of beats in bar.

The BOTTOM number refers to the VALUE of each beat.

Example 1: when coming across a strange Time Signature, eg: 5/4, it tells you there are 5 Beats in the bar, and each beat has a Value of one quarter note.

Example 2: 11/8 means there are 11 Beats in the bar, and each beat has a Value of one eighth note. Get the idea?

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Chart 1 - Clefs, Keys and Time Signatures

