

# Music Theory Foundations

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**1. How many beats does a whole note typically receive in 4/4 time?**

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4**

**2. Which symbol is used to raise a note by one half-step?**

- A) Sharp**
- B) Flat
- C) Natural
- D) Clef

**3. What is the Italian term for playing music softly?**

- A) Forte
- B) Piano**
- C) Allegro
- D) Adagio

**4. Which clef is primarily used for higher-pitched instruments like the violin and flute?**

- A) Bass
- B) Alto
- C) Tenor
- D) Treble**

**5. What do we call the distance between two musical pitches?**

- A) Scale
- B) Interval**
- C) Octave
- D) Chord

**6. How many lines are there on a standard musical staff?**

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 5**
- D) 6

**7. Which note value is equal to half of a half note?**

- A) Whole note
- B) Quarter note**
- C) Eighth note
- D) Sixteenth note

**8. What is the term for the speed at which a piece of music is played?**

- A) Tempo**
- B) Dynamics
- C) Pitch
- D) Timbre

**9. Which symbol tells a musician to play a note one half-step lower?**

- A) Sharp
- B) Natural
- C) Flat**
- D) Rest

**10. What is a group of three or more notes played together called?**

- A) Scale
- B) Interval
- C) Chord**
- D) Arpeggio

**11. In 4/4 time, how many quarter notes fit in one measure?**

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4**
- D) 5

**12. Which musical sign indicates that a note should be held for its full value?**

- A) Staccato
- B) Legato**
- C) Accent
- D) Tenuto

**13. What is the name of the note that sits on the second line from the bottom of the treble clef?**

- A) E
- B) G**
- C) B
- D) D

**14. Which dynamic marking indicates playing very loudly?**

- A) Piano
- B) Mezzo-forte
- C) Forte

**D) Fortissimo**

**15. What is the term for a series of notes played in ascending or descending order?**

**A) Scale**

- B) Chord
- C) Key
- D) Beat

**16. Which symbol signifies that there should be silence for a set amount of time?**

- A) Clef
- B) Note

**C) Rest**

- D) Key Signature

**17. What is the name for the distance of eight notes between two pitches of the same name?**

- A) Fifth
- B) Sixth
- C) Seventh

**D) Octave**

**18. Which term describes the 'color' or unique quality of a sound produced by an instrument?**

**A) Timbre**

- B) Tempo
- C) Pitch
- D) Rhythm