


Music

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Investigate the American term for each of the following notes and write it in the table.

Note	English name	American name	Value
	semibreve		4 beats
	minim		2 beats
	crotchet		1 beat
	quaver		$\frac{1}{2}$ a beat

Can you see any link between the American name and the note values?

The stem on a note can go up or down. This does not affect how many beats it has.

Quavers can also be joined. They will still be $\frac{1}{2}$ a beat each. Therefore, 2 quavers joined = 1 beat. Four quavers joined = 2 beats.

