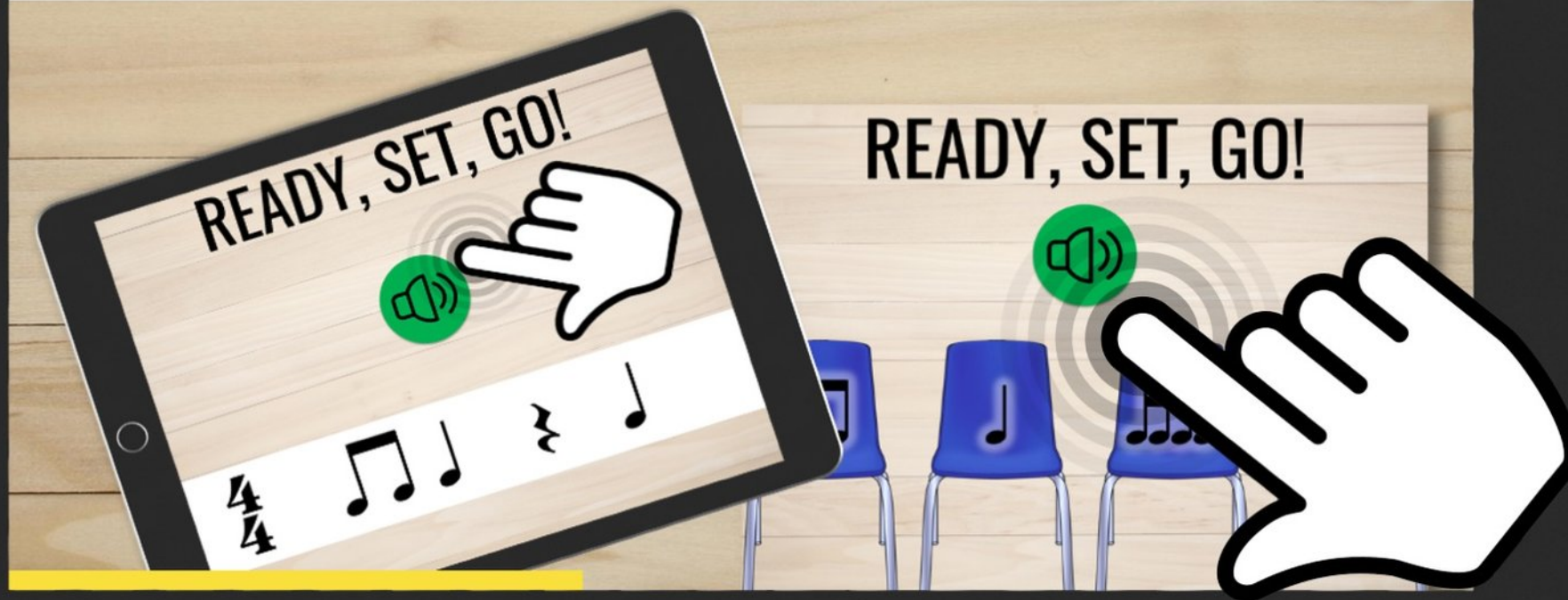


THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

RHYTHM CHAIRS BUNDLE

active rhythm games



Google Slides & PPT Versions

Students learn about meters & rhythms
with these **physically active games**

- ✓ Clickable menus
- ✓ Interactive audio
- ✓ Game rules
- ✓ Collaborative Games
- ✓ Team Games
- ✓ Bonus Rounds

Each chair represents one beat

GAME DIRECTIONS

Each chair is one beat.

How many people should sit in a chair to make one sound on the beat?



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GOOD WORK!

One person should sit in a chair to show one sound on a beat.



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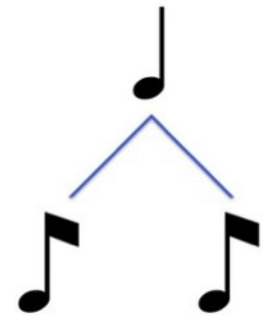


Have volunteers **demonstrate**
each rhythm as you go over
the game directions.

A brief explanation of new concepts, such as compound meter and time signatures

SIMPLE V. COMPOUND

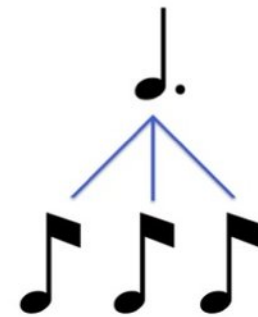
In simple meters, the beat is divided in two.



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SIMPLE V. COMPOUND

In compound meters, the beat is divided in three.



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UNDERSTANDING METERS

The number four means that the beat is equal to a quarter note.
Here is another way to look at it.

3 = Three beats per measure
 = Each beat equals a quarter note

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UNDERSTANDING METERS

Here's how that would look in the music.



Each beat is the length of a quarter note.

UNDERSTANDING METERS

Identify each beat in the music below.



What is the length of each beat?

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UNDERSTANDING METERS

Here's another way to look at it.

2 = Two beats per measure
4

How many beats would $\frac{3}{4}$ have?

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GOOD WORK!

Each beat is the length of a quarter note.



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Use the games as **practice,**
review, or assessment.

Students can play in teams or play collaboratively as a whole class

COLLABORATIVE GAME SETUP

1. The whole class is a team
2. Your team gets four chairs
3. Put the chairs in a row

CLASS TEAM



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TEAM GAME SETUP

1. Break into two teams
2. Each team gets four chairs
3. Put the chairs in a row

TEAM ONE



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TEAM TWO



Every grade loved this! Even my seventh and eighth grade thought this was a fun review. I had to rearrange the instructions a little for the older kids (no chair sharing), but it was easily adapted by having them put their hands in the air for a pair of eighth notes, one standing behind and one sitting with hands up for sixteenths, etc.

– Joyful Imperfection.



Play collaboratively and keep score to **create a competition among grade levels** using a **sports-themed bracket system.**

Rules are broken down into small, easy steps
that students can follow

GAME RULE ONE

Your team must put the correct
number of people in the chairs.



GAME RULE TWO

The people who aren't sitting in the
chairs must speak the rhythm.



GAME RULE THREE

Your team earns one point for the
correct number of people in the chairs.



GAME RULE FOUR

Your team earns another point for
speaking the rhythm correctly.



GAME RULE FIVE

You can only listen to the audio to check your
answer after your team has spoken the rhythm

That means
two points for



Your team will **lose one point** if you listen to the
rhythm before your team speaks it.

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If you have students who
aren't able to play the game,
ask them to be the referee
and keep score.

Interactive audio makes it easy for students
(and subs) to check their answers!



What a hit! The kids loved this. All were engaged!

– Sally G.



Ask the referee or other
volunteer to **click the audio icon**
and check their answers.

The bonus round is a perfect challenge for each level of the game!

BONUS ROUND

Your team must identify each meter without the time signature.



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READY, SET, GO!



BONUS ROUND

Add two more chairs to your set-up.
Now you must speak a four-beat rhythm pattern!



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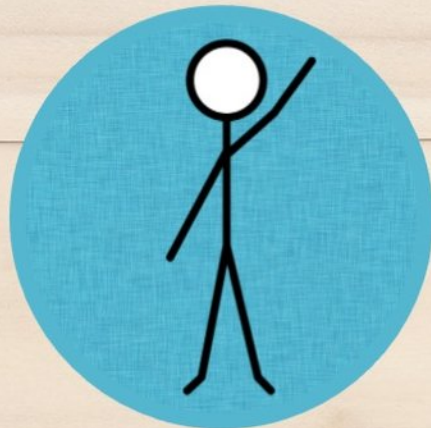
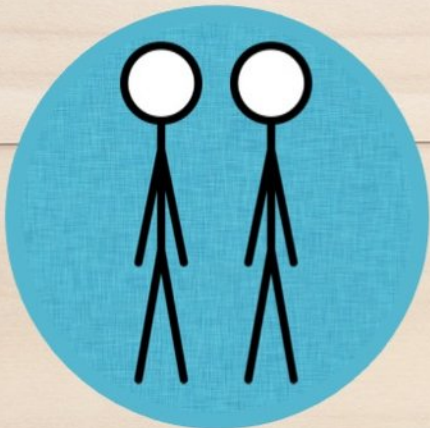


Change it up by asking your students to **clap the rhythm** or **play it on a rhythm instrument.**

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No chairs in your classroom? No problem!

Any place marker will work, as long as the students get to be the rhythms and join in the fun!



My students love turning their classmates into quarter notes, eighth notes, and half notes! My fourth and fifth graders even had a blast!

– Nicole F.



You can use this game with sit spots, carpet squares, hula hoops, or even taped-off squares!

RHYTHM CHAIRS

printable manipulatives



I have some of the rhythm chair activities and the kids LOVE them!
I am so glad to have this addition for next year!

– Bailey C.



Extend the lesson by
composing with the

MANIPULATIVES