

**Lesson Plan: *Dolphin Don's Music School*
Hear Rhythms – Lesson 1**

Teaches: Listening to note lengths and determining the difference between quarter notes and half notes

Grade Level: 2-3

Objectives: Be able listen to take rhythmic dictation on a one-measure rhythm made up of quarter notes and half notes

Materials:

1. Computer with audio and video display that can be seen and heard by the entire class
2. *Dolphin Don's Music School* software

Procedures:

1. Select Learn Mode, then select the Hear Rhythms module. Make sure you are on Lesson 1.
2. After Dolphin Don demonstrates the first example, explain the difference between half notes and quarter notes.
3. Click Listen Again to hear the rhythmic example that is displayed.
4. Click Next Rhythm to hear Dolphin Don explain a different rhythmic example. Continue until students are able to consistently hear the differences.
5. Divide the class into two teams. Have the teams line up in two single-file lines. (Alternative: Keep the students seated and have the teacher click on the answers that they call out.)
6. Click Compete Mode to begin the game: The first person in line for Team 1 answers a question, then goes to the back of the line. The first person for Team 2 answers the next question and goes to the back of the line...
7. The software keeps track of the scores.
8. There are 10 questions for each team in each game. When these are exhausted, start another game, but stay in Lessons 1 and 2. Play enough games to go through each team at least twice.
9. Lessons 1 and 2 are the same, with only half notes and quarter notes. Lessons 3 and 4 include whole notes as well.

Assessment: Observe each student's response to determine whether the student is able to identify the difference between a quarter note and a half note.

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