

Reading Two Rhythms At Once

Knowing when to play notes together or apart.

If you play an instrument like the flute, you'll never play more than one note at a time. If you play an instrument like the guitar or the piano, playing more than one note at a time is the usual thing.

Here is an example of one note played at a time:



Here is an example of three notes played at the same time, but all in the same *voice*.



Here's the same three notes but this time, the bottom two notes are in a different voice. You can see this because the stems for the second voice point downward.

