

Eighth Note Triplets

When three notes are grouped together with a figure "3" above or below the notes, the group is called a TRIPLET. The 3 notes are played in the time of 2 notes of the same value. It is similar to playing $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{6}{8}$ at fast tempos.

8th NOTE TRIPLETS

Count: trip- a - let
or: 1 trip-let

March (from the "Nutcracker Suite")

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893)

Arabesque No. 1

Claude Debussy (1862–1918)

Exercises

- 1** For each example, add bar lines, write the beats under the notes and clap the rhythm.

a.

b.

- 2** Complete the incomplete measures below with eighth note triplets. Count and clap the rhythm.

a.

b.

Eighth Note Triplets

1 An 8th note triplet is played in the same time as how many 8th notes? _____

5

2 A triplet can be counted in two ways: trip – a – let, and _____.

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3 Add what's missing to the following triplet:



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4 Add bar lines to the following examples and create triplets where indicated by the arrows.

Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov
(1844–1908)

Scheherazade

a.

1-18

Overture to "Leonore, No. 2"

Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770–1827)

b.

1-14

5 Add 8th note triplets to complete the measures below. Write the counts under the notes.

a.

1-13

b.

1-17

c.

1-23

100