

Dotted Quarter Notes

In 4/4 time a quarter note gets one count. A dot just after the note adds half the note's value to the note.
 Therefore: $\text{quarter} + \text{dot} = 1 + 1/2$, or $\text{quarter} = \text{one and a half counts}$.

One and a half counts is expressed in the following manner: $\text{quarter} = 1 \frac{1}{2}$ ($1 = \text{quarter}$ $1/2 = \text{eighth}$)

One and a half = $\text{quarter} + \text{eighth}$ The common denominator here is the eighth note (1/2).

Therefore: $\text{quarter} + \text{eighth} = \text{two eighth notes}$

We count three eighth notes thusly: $1 + 2$

Because $\text{two eighth notes} = \text{quarter} = \text{quarter} = \text{quarter}$

A dotted quarter is almost always followed by an eighth note. Hence $\text{quarter} + \text{eighth}$ is counted $1+2+$

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This Lesson Has Been Completed _____ Date: ___/___/___
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