

EIGHTH NOTES

Eighth notes are joined by a horizontal bar and are faster than quarter notes. You can fit two eighth notes in the space of one quarter note. To play eighth notes, start by counting to 4 with an "and" between each beat.

1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and ...

Now, pluck your **A** string on every count, including the "and"s (shown as & in the exercises). There should be 8 even notes per measure.

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

The following exercises combine eighth notes and quarter notes. Play the "and"s for the eighth notes, but count the "and" without plucking for the quarter notes.

1.

2.

3.

4.