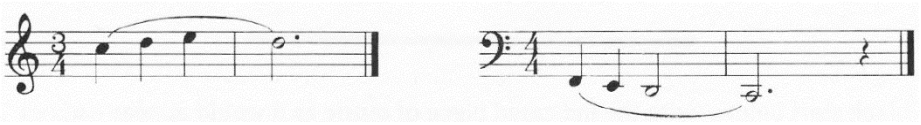
LESSON 17

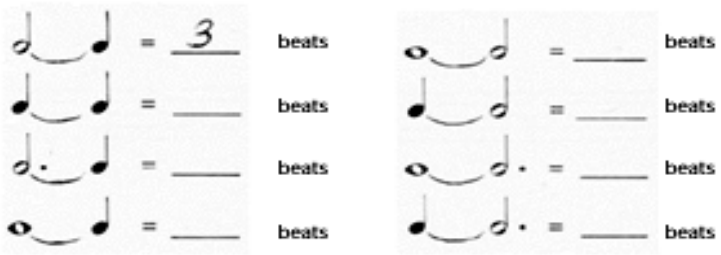
SLURS AND TIES

A legato bow or slur in the notation of music is set when, during the interpretation of music, several notes are bound together without breaks, giving the impression of an unbroken line (technical term legato).

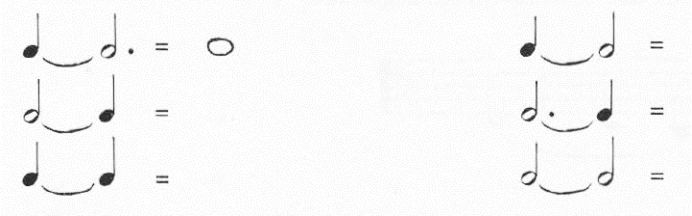


A tie also called ligature combines two consecutive notes of the same pitch, so that they sound like a single tone. The second tone attached to the first note with a tie is not re-struck but prolongs the duration of the first note. In this way you can achieve any note lengths or extend notes over a bar line - in this case, it is also called "over binding".

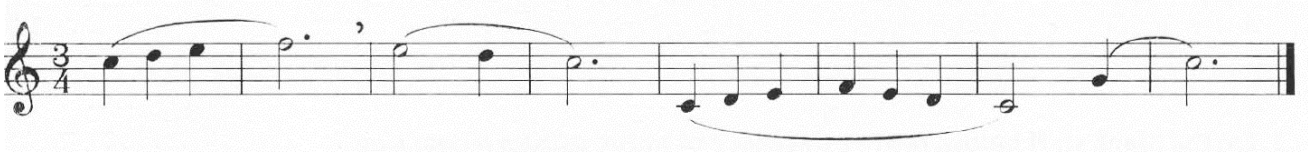
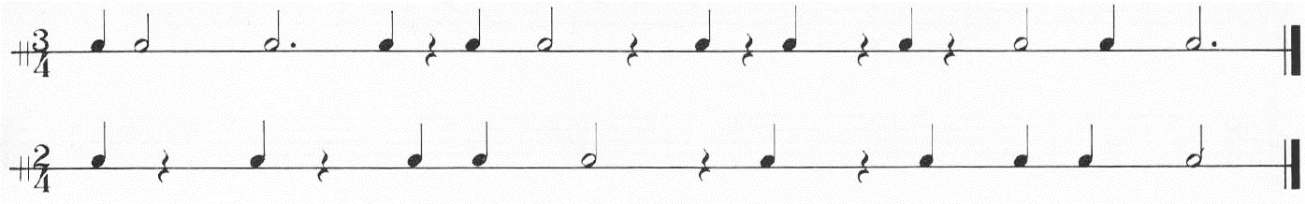
1. Write the number of counts each pair of tied notes would receive.



2. Write the note corresponding to the number of counts each pair of bound notes would receive.



3. Mark the places where you would breath if you were singing or playing this music.



4. Add the bar lines in the following examples and then count and clap the rhythms.