

Time signatures

# Definition

This is a time signature  $\frac{3}{4}$

- ★ The **top** number tells us **how many beats** are in each bar of music.
- ★ The **bottom** number tells us **what type** of beat they are.
- ★ When you see **a 4 on the bottom**, it means the type of beat is a **crotchet**.
- ★ If you see **an 8 on the bottom**, it means the type of beat is a **quaver**.

# Practice time signatures

Example: How many beats are in each bar for this time signature?

$\frac{4}{4}$

4

1. How many crotchet beats are in each bar of  $\frac{6}{4}$  ?

1. How many quaver beats are in each bar of  $\frac{6}{8}$  ?

1. What type of beat does this time signature tell us?  $\frac{9}{8}$