

Let's Read Music: Cello

VIII. C^{\\|} and C^{\#} Staccatos

While dots can lengthen notes, they can also shorten them. This sheet will teach you how to play Staccato notes with two new pitches, C and C.

Goal: learn to read C^{\ddagger} and C(^{\ddagger}) and also learn how to play notes as Staccato.



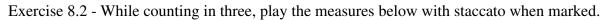
On Lesson Sheet VI, you learned how a dot on the side of a note will increase the note by half its value. However, when a dot is place just above or below a note (as pictured to the left), this will shorten the note by half. Your teacher will play a song for you with staccato notes to demonstrate.



The two new pitches for this lesson sheet C Natural (C^{\natural}) and C Sharp (C^{\ddagger}). The half notes on this bass clef show both C's on the first ledger line above the staff. Like we learned with F Natural (F^{\dagger}), the Natural Symbol (^{\dagger}) is left out because we always assume pitches are natural. The second half note has the sharp (^{\ddagger}) symbol to identify it as C Sharp (C^{\ddagger}). Also notice that both half notes have the staccato dots just above them.

Exercise 8.1 - While counting in four, play the measures below with staccato.







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Creativity Exercise: Fill out the following measures with your own assortment of quarter notes, quarter rest, half notes, and half rest. C^{\$} and C^{\$\$} must be used at least once, and at least one note must be staccato. To be performed for teacher at next lesson.

