Quarter Note and Quarter Note Rest

The quarter note is held for a single pulse. The quarter note rest indicates silence for a single pulse. Four quarter notes fit into a measure in \( \frac{4}{4} \) time, as do four quarter note rests. The following are examples of quarter notes and quarter note rests on the staff.

Notice when the note head is on or above the middle line, the stem will go down. When the note head is below the middle line, the stem will go up. This rule keeps the stems on the staff as much as possible.

The following notes are all found on the G string. The G string is the highest sound string on the bass. The G note is produced by plucking the open G string.

G Quarter Note

By placing your second finger at the second fret on the G string and plucking it, you will produce an A note.

A Quarter Note

By placing your fourth finger (pinky) at the fourth fret on the G string and plucking it, you will produce a B note.

B Quarter Note