

# Review of 6/8 Time Signature

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## Understanding Compound Meter

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Answer the following questions based on what you've learned about the 6/8 time signature.

1. What is the main beat unit in 6/8 time signature?
  - A. Eighth note
  - B. Dotted quarter note
  - C. Whole note
2. How is 6/8 time different from 4/4 time? Give two differences.  
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3. In 6/8 time, the beat feels like it's swaying.  
 True     False
4. Each measure of 6/8 time contains \_\_\_\_ main beats.
5. What type of music often uses 6/8 time?
  - A. Marching music
  - B. Waltzes
  - C. Dance music
6. What instruments are mentioned in Psalm 150:3-5 for praising God?  
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7. The dotted quarter note is not important in 6/8 time.  
 True     False
8. The 6/8 time signature creates a \_\_\_\_ feel when played.
9. What is a challenge young musicians might face with compound meter?
  - A. Reading notes
  - B. Understanding syncopation
  - C. Recognizing the structure of the time signature
10. Why is it important to develop sensitivity to meter and rhythm in music?  
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### Answer Key

1. Dotted quarter note    2. 6/8 time has two main beats and a lilting feel    3. True    4. two    5. Dance music    6. The trumpet, psaltery, harp, tambourine, stringed instruments, and pipes    7. False    8. dance-like    9. Recognizing the structure of the time signature    10. It helps musicians perform expressively and understand music's emotional quality.

