

## DrumSteps

### Sight-Reading Skills Weekly Build: Week 4 - Integration Week

Welcome to Week 4 of your Sight-Reading Skills Weekly Build. Each week you will progress your sight-reading skills by incorporating one new figure into your workout routine, then you will gradually start mixing, blending and articulating figures with dynamics and orchestrations around the drum kit, then finally you will progress to reading multiple lines simultaneously on different drums.

This fourth week is an integration week in which you will combine all of the figures learned so far. The figures included in this integration workout are Quarter Notes (whole beats), Quarter Note Rests, Eighth Notes (half beats) and Sixteenth Notes (quarter beats).

#### Your Routine

You should practice each week's systems at least once per week, twice if you found anything tricky. This is done in addition to your regular practice routine. Make this a habit - set aside a regular time for your sight-reading practice.

Each Sight-Reading Skills sheet should take you no more than five to ten minutes to complete. If you are unsure of any figure you can check it on the Followalong Video.

Do not worry about technical perfection when working on your sight-reading. The goal here is to get used to interpreting figures on the fly, so it's best to keep steadily moving forwards. Let any mistakes go - you will have plenty of opportunity to come back to every figure.

#### This Week's Focus: Integration

Notation figures to be integrated:

 = Quarter Note (1 beat)

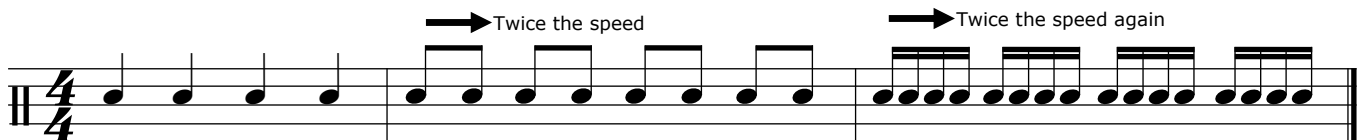
 = Quarter Note Rest (1 beat)

 = Eighth Note Pair (1/2 beats)

 = Sixteenth Note Group (1/4 beats)

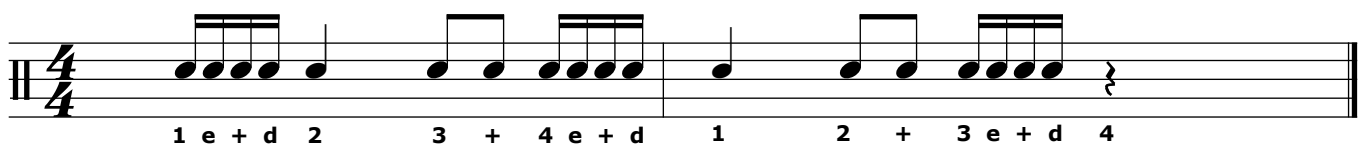
#### Warm Up 1: Combining Figures

You must keep good time as you change between figures. The Eighth Note Pair will be played at twice the speed of the Quarter Notes, and the Sixteenth Note group will be played at twice the speed of the Eighth Note Pair.



#### Warm Up 2: Counting System

Integrate the counting systems that you have learned so far for whole beats, half beats and quarter beats.



Now begin your Sight-Reading Integration Workout for this week on the next page

## Your Week #4 Sight-Reading Integration Workout:

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1 e + d 2 3 4 +    1 2 + 3 e + d 4    1 e + d 2 + 3 4    1 2 e + d 3 + 4

Continue counting for yourself from here

Congratulations! You completed this week's Sight-Reading Workout. If you found anything tricky today then practice this again on another day this week, otherwise move on to the next workout if you feel ready.