

Roland Classroom Activity: RMP 5 Rhythm Coach

Lesson: Time Check

Concepts: Steady beat, Counting Quarter, and Eighth

Grades: 4-8, 20 minutes

Preparation & Materials:

Two students per drum. One student plays while the other listens.

ONE or TWO drum sticks per student.

National Standards Met:

Standard 2: Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.

Students keep a steady beat with a variety of Time Signatures

Standard 6: Listening to, analyzing, and describing music

Students listen to steady beat,

Detailed Lesson Plan:

Pre-requisite: Students should be able to keep a steady beat.

This lesson is a great introduction activity for teaching eighth notes.

1. Press the [COACH] button a few times to select "A" on the right side of the screen
2. Press the [+] or [-] button to select exercise variation:
 - E-4 Easy Timing, Quarter note
 - E-H Harder Timing, Quarter note
 - E-8 Easy Timing, Eighth note
 - H-8 Harder Timing, Eighth note
3. Press the [START/STOP] button to begin.
4. Students listen to the steady tempo and play a quarter note beat or eighth note beat, according to the exercise chosen.
5. Press the [+] or [-] to change the tempo during the exercise.
6. The screen will display an arrow closer to "behind", "ahead" or "[good]" when appropriate.
7. Students play exercise on ONE Timing at a time (E-4, H-4, etc.) then trade with partner.
8. Continue through all four Timing exercises above.