

Rock Beat and Fills

The following exercise comprises a four bar phrase (in this case, a rock beat for three bars with a fill in the fourth). Try using each of the fills below (1-8) to complete the phrase.

Musical notation for the first three bars of a four-bar phrase in 4/4 time. The first bar has a star above the first eighth note. The second and third bars continue the pattern. The fourth bar is a whole rest.

Musical notation for the first three bars of the phrase, followed by a four-measure fill consisting of four eighth notes with slashes.

Fill 1

R L R L R L R L

Fill 2

R L R L R L R L R L R L

Fill 3

R L R L R L R L R L R L

Fill 4

R L R L R L R L R L R L

Fill 5

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L

Fill 6

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L

Fill 7

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L

Fill 8

R L R L R L R L R L