

TITLE: Rock, Paper, Scissors Rhythm

Recommended for Grades 3-5

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Create fun rhythm patterns using the game “Rock, Paper, Scissors”.

What You Need:

- A partner, if possible.
- One person can still do this game - just close eyes, snap three times, and point at one of the three rhythms. The rhythm your finger is closest to would be the rhythm you write in a box.
- Pencils and this chart printed out or copied onto your own piece of paper.

Rock, Paper, Scissors Rhythm!

Create a rhythm with a partner using this key. Fill in each box with your rhythm. Can you clap it, pat it, play it on a bucket?

ROCK= 

Quarter note
Says "TA"
Gets one beat

PAPER= 

Two Eighth notes
Say "Tee Tee"
2 sounds on 1 beat

SCISSORS= 

Quarter Rest
Is one beat
of quiet

INSTRUCTIONS:

With a partner, play “Rock, Paper, Scissors”. The winner of each turn writes a rhythm in any box on the chart.

If Rock wins, that person writes a QUARTER NOTE in a box of their choice.

If Paper wins, that person writes two connected EIGHTH notes in a box of their choice.

If Scissors wins, that person writes a QUARTER REST in a box of their choice.

If it is a tie, play again! Fill in the whole chart.

(If you don't have a partner, you can close your eyes, snap three times and point to a rhythm. Choose a box.)

Once the whole chart is filled in, see if you can clap the rhythms. Play the whole chart from left to right,

Then play the chart from top to bottom, or right to left or around the outside or...you pick the pattern!

Take turns playing a line with your partner. Can you make up lyrics to go with your new rhythms?

Music Terms and their Definition:

Quarter note: Gets one beat of sound. Students will clap one time per beat and say "Tah"

Quarter rest: Gets one beat of silence. Students will be silent for one beat

Two Eighth notes: Get two equally spaced sounds per beat. Students will clap two times per beat and say "Tee-tee".

- **Just for fun Activities:** Optional: play your rhythm patterns and create a song.
Can you make a rhythm on this rhythm maker site? Online pitch and rhythmic pattern maker?
(Use Chrome to access this website)
<https://learningmusic.ableton.com/?fbclid=IwAR38P8rQo7fEQZizeZj7PhsNI8EXctbwMTiuLgRcaE1sCZK9tiBv7sTpyFM>