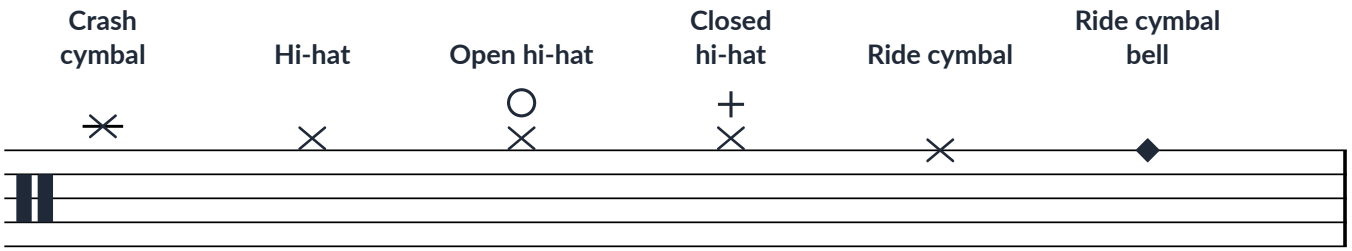
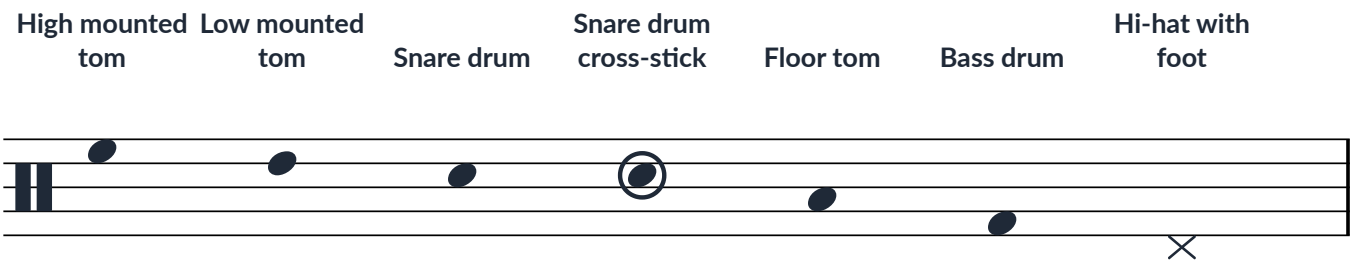
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Drum key and notation symbols

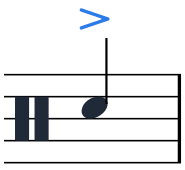
The key of the Hal Leonard Drumset Method, Book 1. Round notes are drums, x notes are cymbals and the hi-hat. Stems up = hands, stems down = feet. When a chart prints its own key, trust that key.

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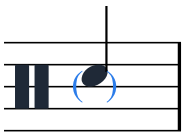




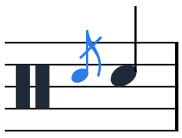
Notation symbols



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Play this note louder



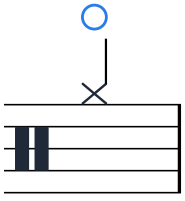
ghost note
Play this note very softly



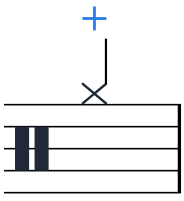
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Soft grace note, then the main note



roll
Fast repeated strokes, one long sound
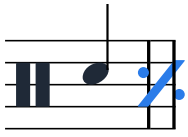


open hi-hat
Lift the foot so the cymbals ring



closed hi-hat
Press the pedal so the cymbals close



cross-stick
Stick across the head, click the rim



one-measure repeat
Play the previous measure again