Note Duration

<u>Duration:</u> The number of beats for which a note must sustain when played or sung.

We can determine a note's duration by its colour, stem type and whether or not it is followed by a dot. The chart below shows different notes and their durations:

Name	Note	Duration
Whole Note	0	4 Beats
Dotted Half Note	<i>d</i> .	3 Beats
Half Note		2 Beats
Quarter Note		1 Beat

Interesting Fact:

A dot after a note lengthens the note's duration by half of the note's value.