

Dictation

Part II: Tonal & Melodic

Chapter 19: Other Diatonic Triads and Seventh Chords in Major and Minor Modes

Since dictation and reading skills work hand in hand, developing dictation skills positively impacts reading skills and vice versa.

Tonal Dictation: Other Diatonic Triads & Seventh Chords in Major & Minor Modes

Developing Aural-Oral Translation Skills

Practice naming patterns using the three-step aural-oral process with your instructor or student partner and independently via the Part II, MP3 files of the tonal patterns in Chapter 19 which are located on the companion website.

Tonal Procedure

- On the first playing/singing, write the first letter of each tonal syllable. Draw a question mark if a particular pitch cannot be determined and then move forward focusing on the ensuing pitches.
- On the second playing/singing, address the missing pitch(es).
- Translate the tonal syllables into notation by using note heads to indicate the pitches on the staff.

Tonal Dictation and Notation

Major and Minor Modes: Other Diatonic Triads and Seventh Chords

1

Solfège Syllables d t₁ m s m r t₁ d

Tonal Notation

2

La-Based: l t d f₁ l t si₁ l

Solfège Syllables Do-Based: d r me le₁ d r t₁ d

Tonal Notation

Melodic Dictation: Other Diatonic Triads & Seventh Chords in Major & Minor Mode; Simple and Compound Meters

Melodic Shorthand Procedure

Write with one hand and quietly use a down-up (simple meter) or down-up-up (compound) motion with the other hand. Following the compound meter, down-up-up (↓↑↑) or the simple meter, down-up (↓↑) motion of each beat can be visual and kinesthetic aids in determining the rhythm.

Write the first letter of each tonal syllable above the beat lines and mark the appropriate rhythm shorthand on the beat lines. See Part I, Chapters 1-21 for the shorthand key in simple and compound meter.

- First playing: focus on only the rhythm or tonal aspect, preferably your strongest element.
- Second playing: focus on the other element.
- Third playing: address missing rhythms or pitches and make any necessary adjustments.
- Transcribe the rhythm shorthand and tonal syllables into notation on the staff.

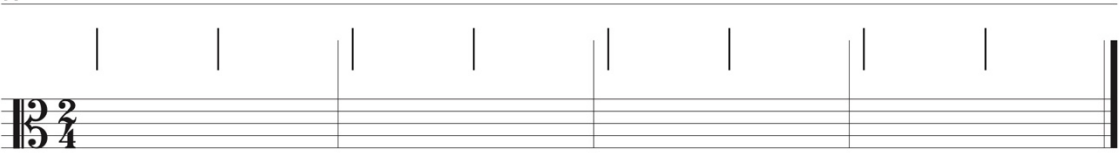
Suggested melodic shorthand symbols for Part II, Chapter 19 are illustrated below.

Melodic Templates [Simple Meter-C Clefs] — Chapter 19, Part II

The instructor will indicate the key signature.

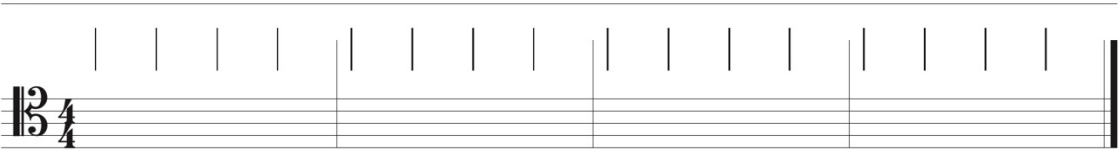
Tonal Syllables 1.

Short Hand

Notation 

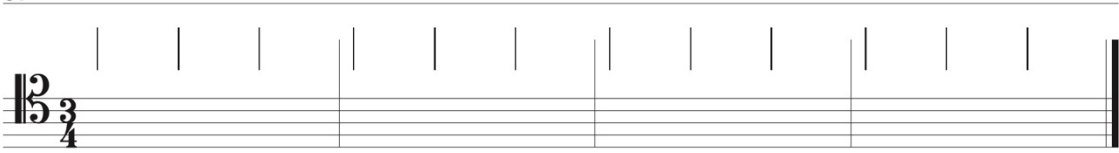
Tonal Syllables 2.

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Tonal Syllables 3.

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Tonal Syllables 4.

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Tonal Syllables 5.

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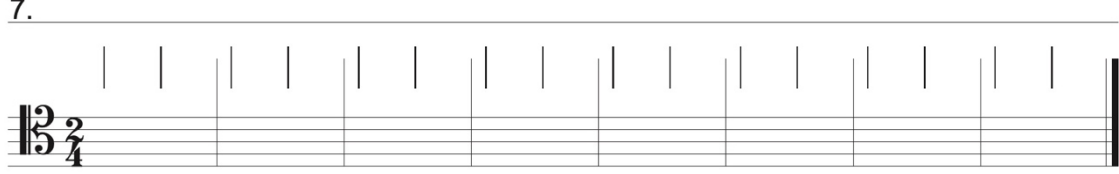
Tonal Syllables 6.

Short Hand

Notation 

Tonal Syllables 7.

Short Hand

Notation 

Melodic Templates [Compound Meter-C Clefs] — Chapter 19, Part II

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Tonal Syllables 1.

Short Hand

♩ = Beat Unit

Tonal Syllables 2.

Short Hand

♩ = Beat Unit

Tonal Syllables 3.

Short Hand

♩ = Beat Unit

Tonal Syllables 4.

Short Hand

♩ = Beat Unit

Tonal Syllables 5.

Short Hand

♩ = Beat Unit

Tonal Syllables 6.

Short Hand

♩ = Beat Unit

Tonal Syllables 7.

Short Hand

♩ = Beat Unit

Melodic Templates [Multi-Simple Meter] — Chapter 19, Part II

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1.

Tonal Syllables

Short Hand

Quarter = Beat Unit

Eighth = Beat Unit

Half = Beat Unit

2.

Tonal Syllables

Short Hand

Quarter = Beat Unit

Eighth = Beat Unit

Half = Beat Unit

3.

Tonal Syllables

Short Hand

Quarter = Beat Unit

Eighth = Beat Unit

Half = Beat Unit

4.

Tonal Syllables

Short Hand

Quarter = Beat Unit

Eighth = Beat Unit

Half = Beat Unit

Melodic Templates [Multi-Compound Meter] — Chapter 19, Part II

The instructor will indicate the key signature.

Tonal Syllables **1.**

Shorthand

♩ = Beat Unit

♩.. = Beat Unit

♩. = Beat Unit

Tonal Syllables **2.**

Shorthand

♩ = Beat Unit

♩.. = Beat Unit

♩. = Beat Unit

Tonal Syllables **3.**

Shorthand

♩ = Beat Unit

♩.. = Beat Unit

♩. = Beat Unit

Tonal Syllables **4.**

Shorthand

♩ = Beat Unit

♩.. = Beat Unit

♩. = Beat Unit