

Dictation

Part I: Rhythm

Developing Aural-Oral Translation Skills

Practice chanting and naming patterns (Section 23.3) using the three-step process with your instructor or student partner, or individually via the MP3 files of the rhythm patterns for Part I, Chapter 23 located on the companion website.

Rhythm Shorthand

Suggested shorthand symbols for Part I, Chapter 23 are illustrated below.

Compound Meter: Irregular Division of Beat

Chapter 23, Part I

Dictation Shorthand	
Dotted Half Note = Beat Unit	
Dotted Quarter Note = Beat Unit	
Dotted Eighth Note = Beat Unit	
	Beat Unit Beat Division Irregular Division Irregular Division Irregular Division Beat Subdivision Irregular Division

Rhythm Shorthand Procedure

Write with one hand and quietly patsch/tap the beat with the other hand. Following the down-up motion of each beat can be an aid in determining the rhythm. Isolate each beat and mark the appropriate shorthand. If the rhythm on a particular beat or two cannot be determined, continue to move forward focusing on the ensuing beats. On the second playing, readdress the missing beats. Make any necessary adjustments during the third playing and then transcribe the rhythm shorthand into notation.

As your skills improve, gradually increase the length of each dictation exercise. All or part of each reading exercise in Chapter 23 as well as the additional reading exercises available on the companion website can be used for dictation.

