

Three Against Two: Check Each Lane

Keep one quarter-note beat while two lanes divide it differently. Use this check after the Polyrhythms handout.

1 · FILL THE MISSING ATTACKS

Each grid is **one quarter-note beat**, divided into six equal units, not six beats. Both lanes start at 0. Space 3 triplet attacks evenly; space 2 even-eighth attacks evenly. Add only the missing dots. Unit 6 starts the next cycle; do not add a hit there. **Finish Section 1 before looking at the later patterns.**

1. Complete both lanes.

Unit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Triplet · 3	•						•
Even · 2	•						•

2. Complete both lanes.

Unit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Triplet · 3	•		•				•
Even · 2	•						•

Shared attack inside this cycle: ____ All combined attack units: _____ Next shared boundary: ____

2 · REPAIR ONE MISPLACED ATTACK PER CARD

Each card has exactly one dot shifted by one unit. Cross it out and redraw it at the correct unit. Keep both lanes' attack counts.

3. Find the shifted dot.

Unit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Triplet · 3	•	•			•		•
Even · 2	•			•			•

4. Find the shifted dot.

Unit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Triplet · 3	•		•		•		•
Even · 2	•				•		•

3 · PLAY TWO BARS, THEN EXCHANGE ROLES

RH = right hand; LH = left hand. **A:** RH = triplets, LH = even eighths. **B:** RH = even eighths, LH = triplets.

Tap on two surfaces, or play the written E4 / C3. Count 1-2-3-4 in each bar. Quarter = 60.

A

RH: 

LH: 

B

RH: 

LH: 

Self / teacher check	A	B
Steady quarter beat	☐	☐
Even spacing in both lanes	☐	☐
Together at the next beat	☐	☐

Retry the pattern with an unchecked box. Listen to starts, not decay.

Try it After four count-in clicks, join the reference. The quarter click continues. Hear lanes by register: upper E4, lower C3. Hand roles come from the printed labels; mono sound cannot identify a hand.

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Corrected grid applies to 1-4; engraving repeats it over four beats. A/B: use the performance checklist.
 3: triplet: 1 → 2, 4: even: 4 → 3. Shared: 0, 2, 3, 4; next boundary: 6.
 1: add triplet 2, 4; even 3. 2: add triplet 4; even 3.

Answers · flip the page

RH: 

LH: 

Unit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Triplet · 3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Even · 2	•						•