Teaching Suggestions

1. To use as flash cards, hold cards up one at a time showing the ‘symbols’ side and ask students to tell the name of the music symbol before showing the other side.

2. Hold cards up one at a time showing the ‘names’ side and ask students to draw a picture of the music symbol before showing the other side.

3. Stack the cards, words side up. Ask the student(s) to find the symbol which is named on the top card as part of their sheet music (the piece they are playing.) Work through the stack of cards to see how many of the symbols are used in their piece of music.

4. (Classroom game) Symbol race. One student stands facing the class holding the cards. Teacher chooses two students who will race to draw the symbol on the blackboard as soon as the card holding student holds up the card (showing only the name side of the card to the class.)

Instructions:

The first ten pages of Flash Cards are the fronts. Print these out and keep them in their original order. The next ten pages are to be printed on the backs of these. Be sure to keep them THE SAME WAY UP so that the tops and bottoms remain the same. To protect your flash cards, they should be laminated. Once laminated, trim the excess laminate from the sides and cut the cards in half. You will now have a set of 20 Flash Cards.
Music Symbols Flash Cards
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bass clef

treble clef
pause

brace
flat

sharp
dotted minim
or
dotted half note

staff
or
stave
semibreve
or
whole note

repeat
sign
crotchet or quarter note rest

minim or half note
quaver
or
eighth note
rest
crotchet
or
quarter note
semiquaver
or
16th note
rest

natural
semiquaver
or
16th note

quaver
or
eighth note
semibreve
or
whole note
rest

minim
or
half note
rest