Simple and Compound Time Signatures: Worksheet 1

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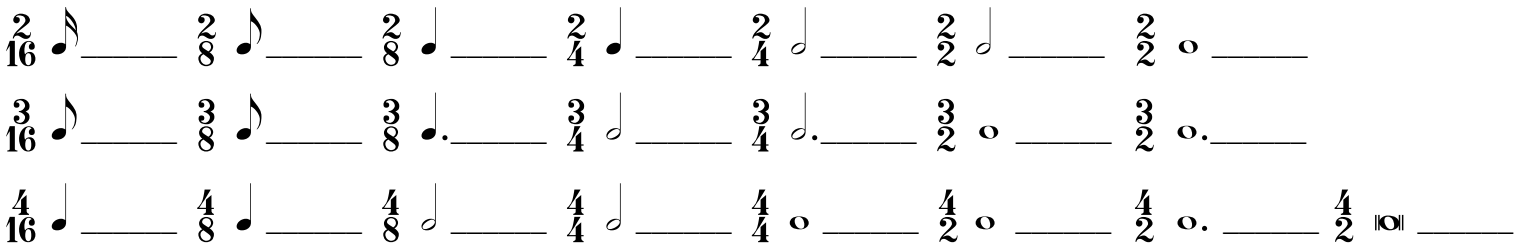
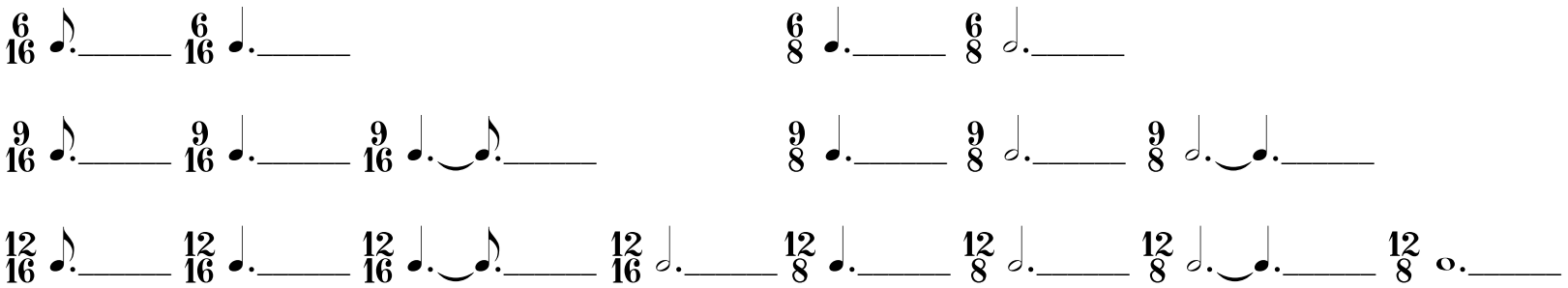
Each single note or tied-note pair below equals either 1, 2, 3, or 4 beats in the given time signature. In the space next to each, identify the number of beats.

I. Simple Meters (Remember, in a simple meter, the bottom number is the beat unit.)



II. Compound Meters (Remember, in a compound meter, the bottom number is the *division* of the beat, not the beat.)

a) 8 or 16 as the bottom number:



b) 4 or 2 as the bottom number: