

Tuplets

Music

Fitting a number of notes into a space that does not divide evenly.

The number says how many notes fill the space of the next-lower normal grouping.

Tuplet	Means	Say it
Triplet (3)	3 in the space of 2	1-trip-let
Duplet (2)	2 in the space of 3	In compound time
Quintuplet (5)	5 in the space of 4	1-2-3-4-5 / uni-ver-si-ty
Sextuplet (6)	6 in the space of 4	Two fast triplets
Septuplet (7)	7 in the space of 4	Rare, usually approximated

Practise a triplet against a steady quarter pulse before adding it to a piece. Isolated first, in context second.