

# Tapping in Morse Code

Morse code is a communication method that can use tones, lights, or clicks. These audio cues can be directly understood by a listener without special equipment.

For emergency signals, Morse code is one of the simplest and most versatile methods of telecommunication. The most common distress signal is SOS or three dots, three dashes and three dots. It is internationally recognized.



"SOS," Save Our Ship

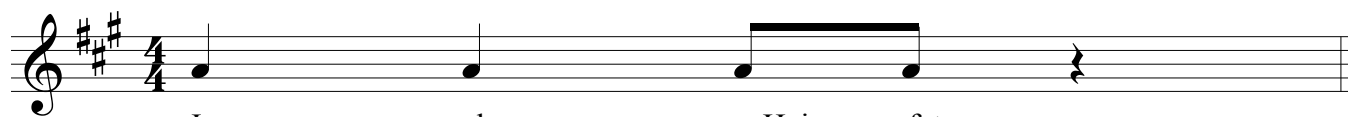


"CQD" All stations distress

On the next page, be sure to check out the Morse Code chart. Though it's unlikely we'll master Morse Code during this exercise, this is a good segway into tapping exercises on the violin.

Tapping exercises can be a useful way of relaxing the left hand and preparing young students for a vibrato motion. The wrist touches upper bout of the violin. Fingers tap the spruce top. A true vibrato will be developed later on, after some security in 1st through 4th positions has been established.

Try tapping your "name" Rhythm and writing it out on staff paper, like so:

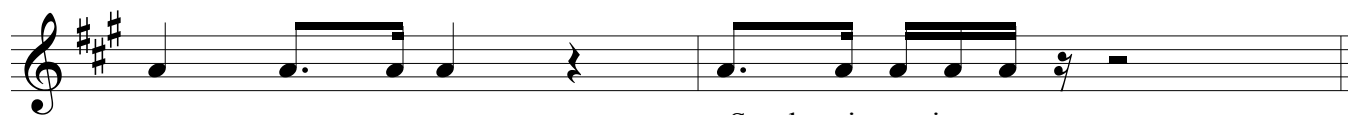


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