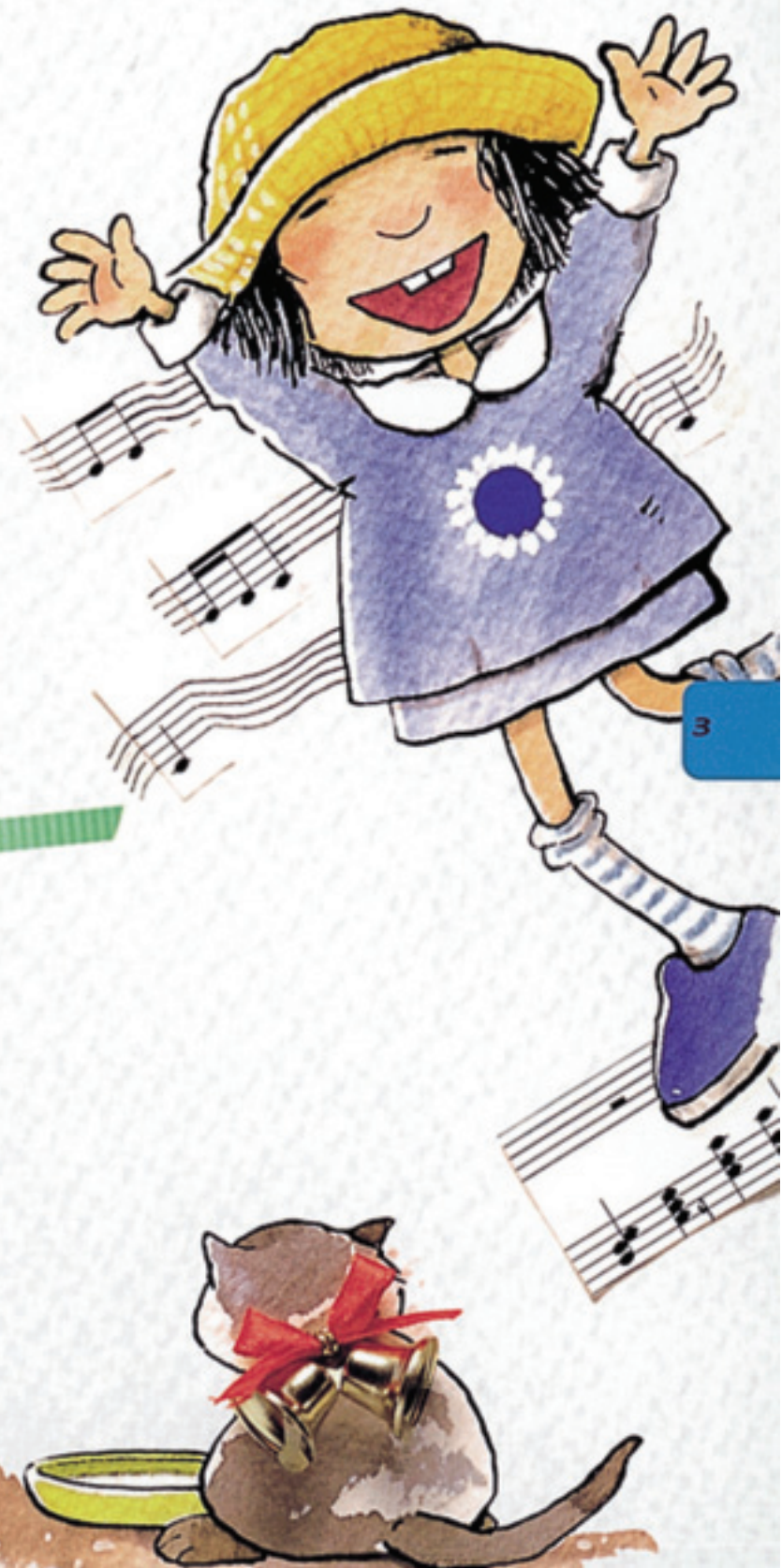


Sounds and noises

Which are the five senses? Sight, touch, taste, smell, and ...? This list is missing the sense we need to hear all the sounds around us. Surely you know which one it is: Hearing! You know it so well that you have been using it since you were very little, even when you were still inside your mom's belly. Do you remember what you could hear then?



Playful music

When you listen to music it seems that the sounds are all playing together. They get along so well that they make you feel different things: Sometimes you feel sad, but at other times the music is so happy you feel like jumping, dancing, and laughing. Music is like a magic language you can use to say many things without speaking any actual words.

However, to really enjoy music, you have to learn how to listen.





Two-count
rest



Quarter-note
rest



Whole rest



Whole rest



Whole rest

Silence (or rest)

Music is made of a combination of sounds and silence. Sometimes silence is very long, but at other times it is so short we don't even notice it. Without sounds and silence music would not exist.

But if you pay close attention, you will notice there is no complete and absolute silence anywhere. Try it: Go to the quietest place you know and listen carefully. Even covering your ears you can hear something, right?