## MTB Grade 2 Music Theory



This Syllabus is provided in two tables below, one using British terminology such as crotchets, minims, semitones etc. The other using American terminology such as quarter note, half note, half steps etc. The content for British and American tables are in all other respects the same.

## **British**

Candidates are expected to understand the Areas/Elements covered in all previous grades in addition to the Syllabus content listed below:

Areas	Elements
Dotted Notes	Note lengths in beats
Ties	<ul> <li>Note lengths in beats</li> <li>Dotted rests and their lengths in beats</li> <li>Rhythm with dots and ties</li> <li>Rhythmic dictation including dotted notes</li> </ul>
Beams	<ul> <li>Partial beams</li> <li>Mixed note type with beams</li> <li>Missing bar lines with ties and dots</li> </ul>
Time Signatures	Additional time signatures for this grade  • 2/2 • 4/2 • 3/2 • 3/8
Ledger Lines	In treble and bass clef
Middle C	On the piano keyboard, treble and bass clefs
Enharmonics	Enharmonic equivalents
Intervals	Describing intervals in semitones
Major Key Signatures and Scales	Additional keys • A, Bb and Eb majors
The Natural Minor	Minor key signatures and natural minor scales in a, e and d minors
The Harmonic Minor	<ul> <li>Harmonic minor scales in a, e and d minors</li> <li>Recognising scale types (major/natural minor/harmonic minor) by ear</li> </ul>
Triads	Creating major and minor triads, including in the new keys introduced at this grade
Musical Terms and Signs	Knowledge of a wider range of basic terms and signs





## **American**

Candidates are expected to understand the Areas/Elements covered in all previous grades in addition to the Syllabus content listed below:

Areas	Elements
Dotted Notes	Note lengths in beats
Ties	<ul> <li>Note lengths in beats</li> <li>Dotted rests and their lengths in beats</li> <li>Rhythm with dots and ties</li> <li>Rhythmic dictation including dotted notes</li> </ul>
Beams	<ul> <li>Partial beams</li> <li>Mixed note type with beams</li> <li>Missing barlines with ties and dots</li> </ul>
Time Signatures	Additional time signatures for this grade:  • 2/2 • 4/2 • 3/2 • 3/8
Ledger Lines	In treble and bass clef
Middle C	On the piano keyboard, treble and bass clefs
Enharmonics	Enharmonic equivalents
Intervals	Describing intervals in half steps
Major Key Signatures and Scales	Additional keys:  • A, Bb and Eb majors
The Natural Minor	Minor key signatures and natural minor scales in a, e and d minors
The Harmonic Minor	<ul> <li>Harmonic minor scales in a, e and d minors</li> <li>Recognizing scale types (major/natural minor/harmonic minor) by ear</li> </ul>
Triads	Creating major and minor triads, including in the new keys introduced at this grade
Musical Terms and Signs	Knowledge of a wider range of basic terms and signs