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• The dancers moved to the rhythm of the music.

beat • • time • |music tempo • |BrE, technical metre • |AmE meter •

to the rhythm/beat

in rhythm/time

a slow/fast rhythm/beat/tempo

2. C

• the rhythm of the tides

cycle · · pattern ·

a/an **regular/irregular** rhythm/cycle/pattern a **natural** rhythm/cycle **break** a rhythm/cycle/pattern the rhythm/cycle of the **seasons**

Rhythm, cycle or pattern? Pattern is used especially about people's work and behaviour, cycle is used especially about events in the natural world; rhythm is used especially about how people's bodies adapt to changing conditions.

Example Bank:

- Cleaning up the house in the morning fell into an easy rhythm.
- He was snapping his fingers in rhythm.
- Her feet made a steady rhythm as she walked.
- Her feet made a steady rhythm on the pavement
- Her pencil tapped out a staccato rhythm on the desk top.
- I found myself swaying to the rhythm of the music.
- I like music with a good rhythm.
- My body rhythms had not yet adapted to the ten-hour time difference.
- She soon settled into a regular rhythm.
- The movie follows the rhythms of a year on the farm.
- There's rhythm in her movements.

- Try to disrupt your opponent's rhythm.
- Williams is having trouble finding her rhythm on the serve.
- changes to our daily rhythms
- part of the natural rhythm of life
- · the band's rhythm section
- the steady rhythm of his heartbeat
- Doctors discovered that he had an abnormal heart rhythm.
- He can't seem to play in rhythm.
- I listened to the steady rhythm of her breathing.
- I love these jazz rhythms.
- She has a natural sense of rhythm.
- This piece of music has a very fast rhythm.

rhythm

rhyth m W3 //rɪðəm/ BrE AmE noun [uncountable and countable]

[Date: 1500-1600, Language: Latin; Origin: rhythmus, from Greek, from rhein 'to flow]

- **1**. a regular repeated pattern of sounds or movements \Rightarrow **metre**:
 - Drums are basic to African rhythm.
 - complicated dance rhythms

rhythm of

- She started moving to the rhythm of the music.
- the steady rhythm of her heartbeat

2. a regular pattern of changes:

the body's natural rhythms

rhythm of

Jim liked the rhythm of agricultural life.

rhythm

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