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What is a motive?

You've heard Beethoven's "duh duh duh dummmmm!" That's a motive; it's the backbone of a piano piece.

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A motive needs a rhythm.

Let's use Surf Slang to build a motive:
SURF'S UP, HIT THE WAVES!

3

Clap that sentence.



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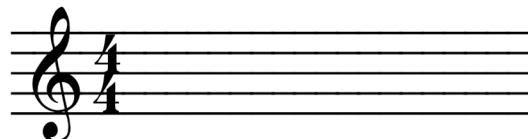
A motive needs a melody.

Choose any combination of notes from the C Minor Five-Finger scale to match the rhythm in Step 3.

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Complete the motive.

On the staff, combine the rhythm from Step 3 with your melody from Step 4.



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