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Use the model above. Write a brief answer for each item.

1. How many beats complete A?

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2 1/2.

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Beat 3.

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Beat 4.

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Beats 3 and 4.

8. Does a pickup automatically change the meter?

No. It is an incomplete opening measure.