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Pattern A	D	-	D	U	-	U	D	-
Pattern B	D	U	-	U	D	-	D	U

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

1. How many strum starts are in pattern A?

2. How many strum starts are in pattern B?

3. Which pattern has no new strum on beat 3?

4. Which pattern has an up-strum on the & after beat 1?

5. Name the counts with down-strums in pattern A.

6. How many up-strums are in pattern B?

7. Which pattern has no new strum on the & after beat 4?

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1. How many strum starts are in pattern A?

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2. How many strum starts are in pattern B?

6

3. Which pattern has no new strum on beat 3?

Pattern A

4. Which pattern has an up-strum on the & after beat 1?

Pattern B

5. Name the counts with down-strums in pattern A.

1, 2 and 4

6. How many up-strums are in pattern B?

3

7. Which pattern has no new strum on the & after beat 4?

Pattern A

8. Does a dash require you to stop all ringing strings?

No. It means no new strum; duration is not specified.