


Nina Ballerina Rhythm Pattern

1 Tap and say the words.

2 Tap and count aloud.

3 Trace the Nina Ballerina rhythm pattern.

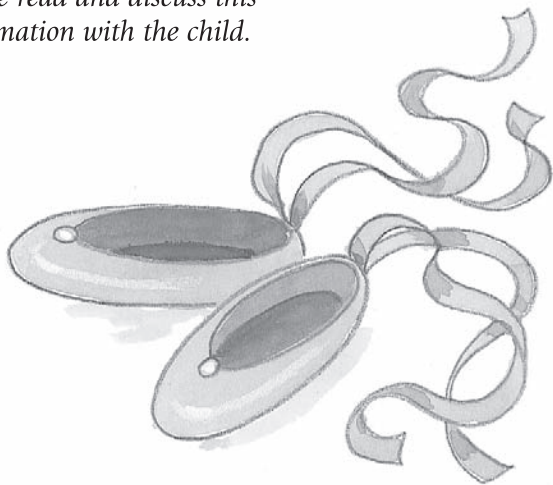
4 Circle the Nina Ballerina rhythm pattern each time it appears in the music on page 3.

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Say: Ni - na Bal - le - ri - na
Count: 1 1 1 1 1 1 Rest - 2

Note to Teacher and Parents:

Please read and discuss this information with the child.



Meet Léo Delibes

Nina Ballerina enjoys dancing in the ballets *Coppélia* and *Sylvia* by the French composer Léo Delibes (1836–1891). His grandfather was an opera singer. As a child, he studied music with his mother and an uncle. He later studied at the Paris Conservatory and became a church organist, chorus master and teacher of composition. His music, known for beautiful melodies, inspired Tchaikovsky to write his ballets.

Meet Nina Ballerina

Nina Ballerina is a graceful ballerina whose parents met when they were dancing with the Russian Ballet. Nina always attended their performances and sat in box seats with her grandparents. Like her parents, Nina also studied ballet and became an accomplished ballerina. She introduced the music friends to ballets such as *Sylvia* by Delibes and *The Nutcracker* by Tchaikovsky.

