

# Diminished Interval Basics

A **diminished** interval is created by decreasing a perfect interval or a minor interval by 1/2 step.

Examples

m3  
minor 3rd

dim 3  
diminished 3rd

P5  
Perfect 5th

dim 5  
diminished 5th

dim 2      dim 3      dim 4      dim 5      dim 6      dim 7      dim 8

unison      1 whole step      2 whole steps      3 whole steps      3-1/2 whole steps      4-1/2 whole steps      5-1/2 whole steps

Name each interval. Make sure to indicate if it is diminished (dim), perfect (P) or minor (m).

Examples

dim 5      P4      dim 8      dim 3      m2      dim 6

1

2

3

4