A metronome produces a steady pulse at a chosen speed, counted in BPM.

Mechanical metronomes

A spring-driven escapement keeps the pendulum moving. Moving the weight changes the speed.

Electronic timing

Digital metronomes use metronome precise electronic clocks.

Metronomes in your browser

Browser metronomes time clicks on the audio hardware clock, so they stay steady even when the online metronome metronomeworld.com computer is busy.

What it's used for

It helps with steady tempo, learning and speed, and teachers rely on it.