

# 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