

Cadences at a glance

A **cadence** is a progression of two chords at the end of a phrase, section or piece. There are four common cadences:

- **Perfect cadence** chords V – I.
- **Imperfect cadence** any chord – chord V.
- **Interrupted cadence** chord V – VI.
- **Plagal cadence** chord IV – I.

Listen to some cadences in any music you know, and try to identify them.

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Write some ideas you have on ways to remember each cadence (does it found finished or unfinished, for example).



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