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SO WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR!

Over the next few pages, we'll be reviewing topics that you would have learned in Book 1 of Music Literacy for Singers. Before we do that, here is a collection of the topics you will be asked about! If you are having trouble with the review section, feel free to look back at this page for help. Happy learning!

Here are some of the ways we learned to name notes...

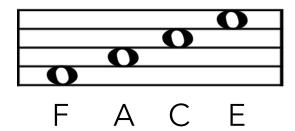
You can find them on a keyboard, using the grouping of black keys to help you.

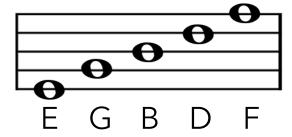


Or you can find them on a staff, using words and sayings!

In the treble clef, the spaces spell:

And the saying we use for the lines is:

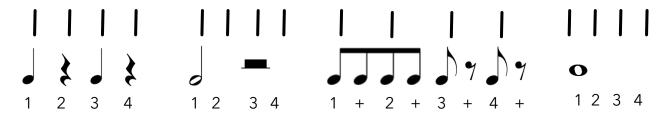




Elephants Get Big Dirty Feet

When reading music, we track the beats with strokes, and the rhythm with counts.

Different types of notes and rests have different values. Here are some of the ones we learned in the last book!



If there are any words that you're unsure of, you can find them with their definitions at the back of this book! This includes the words that we learned in book 1 as well.

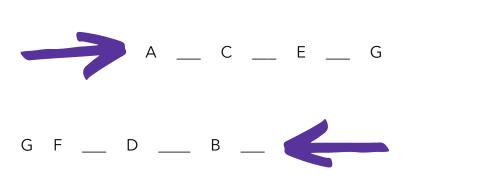


אס LOOKING BACK: NOTE NAMES איז

Let's review what we've learned and fill in the blanks below.

The musical alphabet has 7 letters: A B C D E F G.

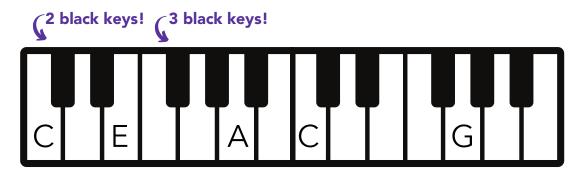
We can write them forwards and backwards, side to side, or up and down:



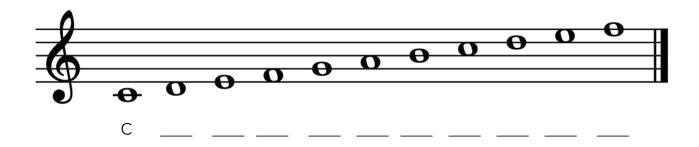
E D B

G

We can write them on the keyboard:



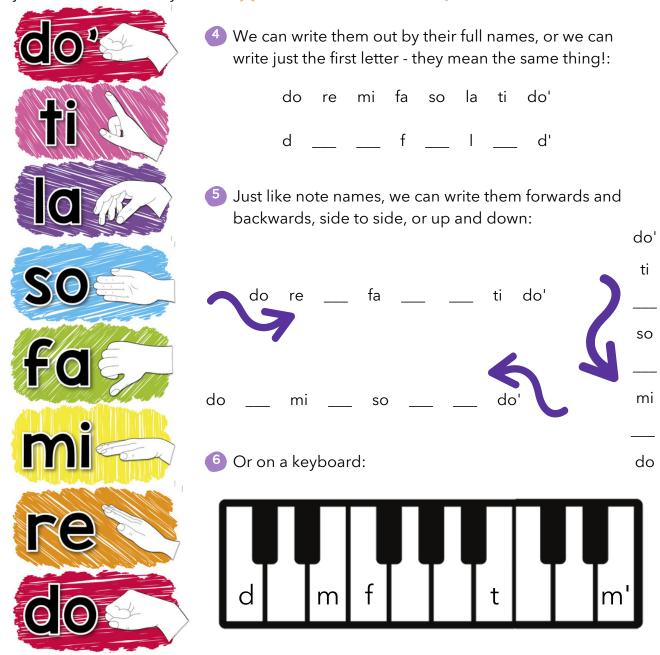
Or we can write them on the staff:





が LOOKING BACK: SOLFAがり

Do you remember solfa syllables? **Remember, solfa is always written in lowercase.



Or on a staff: **Remember, solfa syllables can move!







LOOKING BACK: SOLFA 57

Bo you remember this song? Sing it!





What about this song? Sing it!





10 The most important note in a scale is the first one, or number one. In a major scale, number one is do. You can also call the first note, or do, the "tonic." The word tonic means "one."

In C major scale, the tonic is C. In D major scale, the tonic is _____.

In F major scale, the tonic is _____. In G major scale, the tonic is _____.

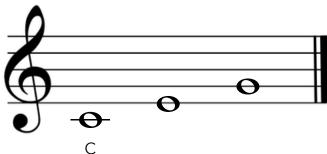
1 The syllable names of 1, 3, and 5 are do, _____ and ____.

A triad is a group of three notes that number 1, 3 and 5 from the lowest note.

When do is number one in a triad, we call that triad the tonic triad.

The syllables in the tonic triad are do, m__, and s__.

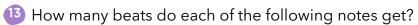
Here is the C major tonic triad. Add the missing letter and syllable names on the staff, and the two missing note names on the keyboard:

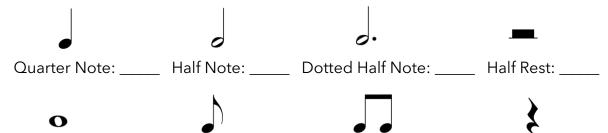




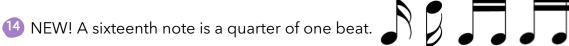


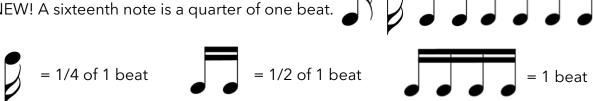
LOOKING BACK: NOTE VALUES





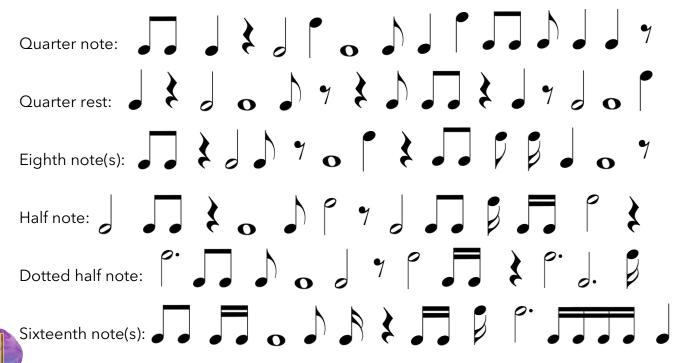
Whole Note: ____ Eighth Note: ____ Two Eighth Notes: ___ Quarter Rest: ____





Practice drawing sixteenth notes in the box below:

Circle the type of notes named at the beginning of each line:



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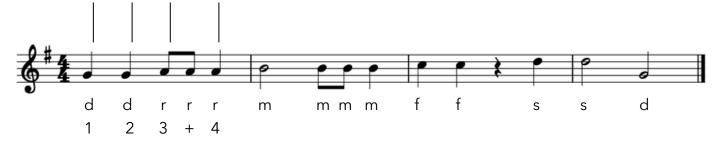
Add strokes above the notes or rests to show the beats:



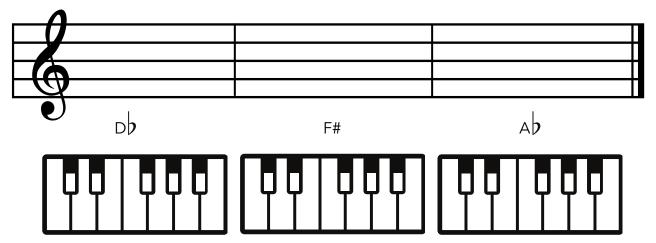
Let's add some sight-singing!How many bars make up the melody below?Add the missing strokes and counts below, then sing it!



B Here is the same melody below, but this time do is G! Add the missing strokes and counts, then sing it!



19 Draw the notes listed below then mark them with an X on the keyboard! Remember, a sharp raises a note by a semitone, and a flat lowers it, and that an accidental comes before the note and after the name.





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This is a natural sign:

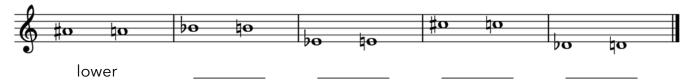
The box part of the sign goes on the same line or space as the note.



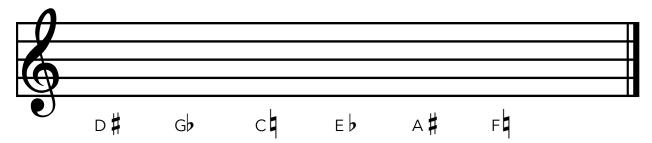
1 A natural sign cancels the sharp or flat, so that the pitch returns to what it was before the sharp or flat was added.

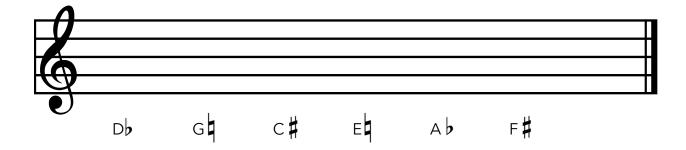
For example, a sharp raises a note, so D^{\sharp} to D^{\sharp} is a half step lower. A flat lowers a note, so G^{\flat} to G^{\sharp} is a half step higher.

Look at the notes below. Does the natural sign make the note lower or higher?



- Remember, accidentals (naturals, sharps, and flats!) last for the duration of the measure.
- 2 Draw the notes listed below. Make sure you draw the sharp, flat, or natural on the same line or space as the note (and BEFORE the note).







THE CHROMATIC SCALE IN

Complete the phrases below:

A sharp or flat goes b $__$ f $__$ re the note on the staff, but a $__$ $__$ r the note name.

A sharp or flat goes on the same I ___ n ___ or in the same s ___ c __ as the note.

Circle the notes that are drawn correctly:

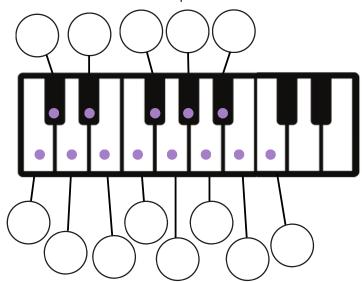


3 From one key to the next on the keyboard is a h ___ _ _ step.

A _____ (#) makes a note a half step h ___ ___ ___.

4 Fill in the circles with the name of each note. Use sharps only to label the black keys. (Don't forget the phrases at the top of the page!)

Next, connect the dots to show all the half steps from C to C.



5 Do you remember the chromatic scale? A chromatic scale is a scale that uses all half steps. This chromatic scale begins on C - label all the notes below:





THE CHROMATIC SCALE STA

6	A scale that moves entirely by half steps is called a	scale.
2	Circle the correct answer:	

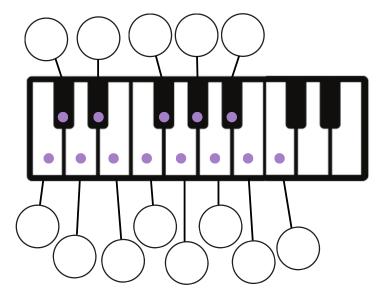
A sharp makes a note: higher lower A flat makes a note: higher lower

Do you remember the phrase below? Fill in the blanks:

_____ the note, _____ the name, that's the sharp and flat game!

Fill in the circles with the name of each note. Use flats only to label the black keys. (Don't forget the phrases from the last page!)

Next, connect the dots to show all the half steps from C to C.



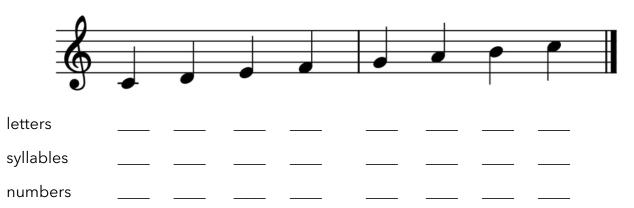
1 Label all the notes on the descending C chromatic scale:





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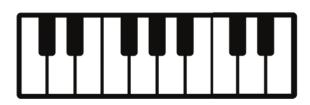
1 Fill in the letters, solfa syllables, and numbers in the C major scale:



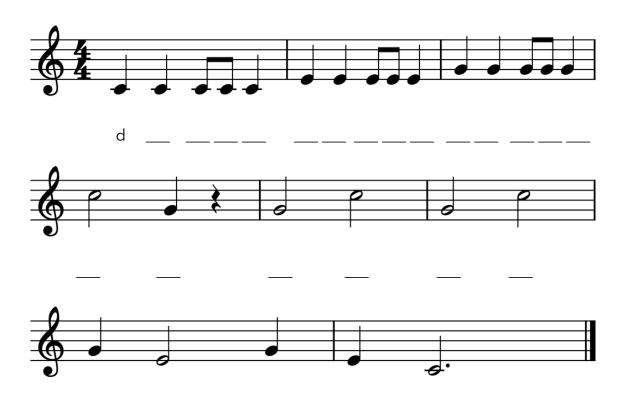
What is another name for number one in a scale? _______

Notes 1, 3, and 5 form the tonic tr ____ ___.

Label the notes of the C+ tonic triad:



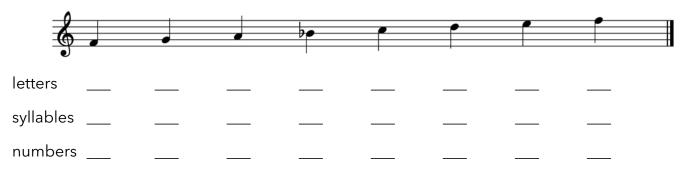
3 This song is in C+ and it only uses notes from the tonic triad. Add strokes, solfa syllables, and sight-sing the song:



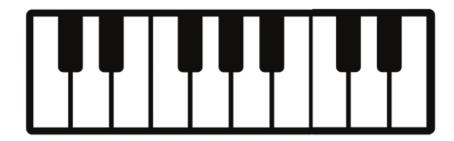


SIGHT-SINGING THE TONIC TRIAD

4 Here is the F major scale - fill in the missing letters, solfa syllables, and numbers:



5 Add letter names to the keys below to make an F + tonic triad:



6 This is the same song from the previous page, but now it is in the key of F+. Add strokes, solfa syllables, and sight-sing the song!









HALF STEPS/WHOLE STEPS

Mark the letter names of the C major scale on the keyboard:



Remember, the distance between one note and its closest neighbour is called a (circle one):

half step

whole step

Two half steps make a.... (circle one):

half step

whole step

Wherever you see ★, add the letter names and circle half step or whole step:



half step whole step



half step whole step



half step whole step



half step whole step



half step whole step



half step whole step

Add the note names of the C major scale to the keyboard and the staff. Then, above keyboard and the staff, mark each half step with a tent Λ and each whole step with a goal post 🕝







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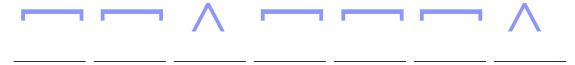
Write in the solfa syllables for the C major scale:



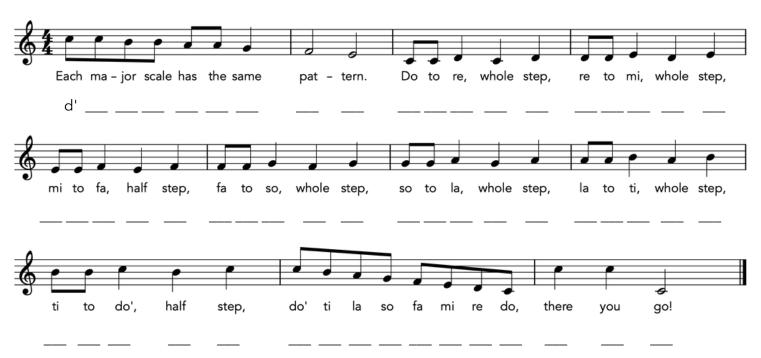
Remember the tents and goal posts that we did on the previous page? Have a look at the pattern:



Major scales always have this pattern! Write out the pattern below using the names of the types of steps that we learned on the last page:

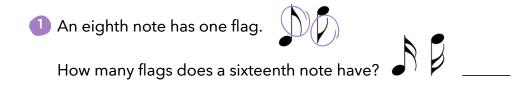


4 Here is a song that will help you remember the pattern for major scales. Add the missing syllables and sight-sing the song!





SIXTEENTH NOTES STO



We can write sixteenth notes in groups of two or four. Four sixteenth notes get one beat. Practice drawing groups of sixteenth notes.



3 Circle all of the sixteenth notes you see:

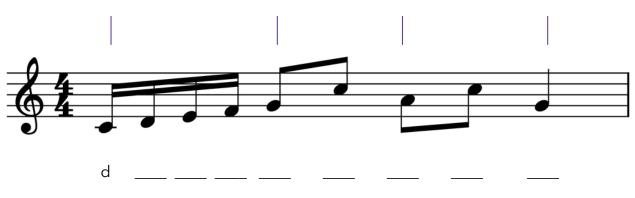


4 We can also combine eighth notes and sixteenth notes with beams. Draw the examples below without beams.



This song uses lots of sixteenth notes. This song is in the key of ______.

Add strokes, solfa syllables, and sing it!

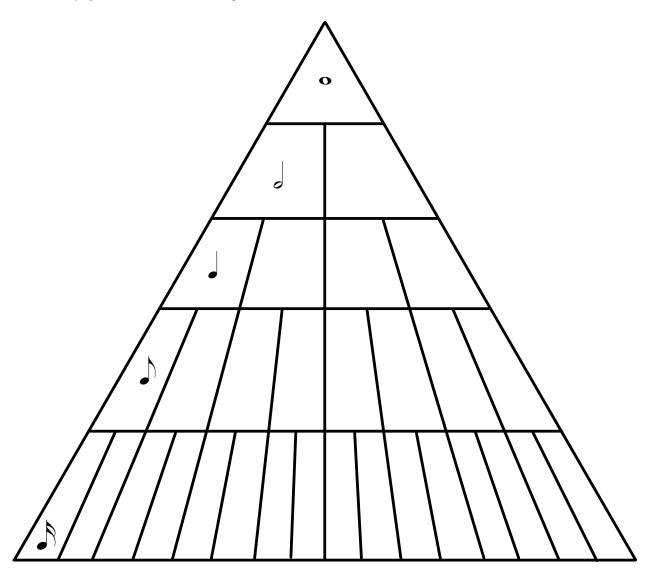






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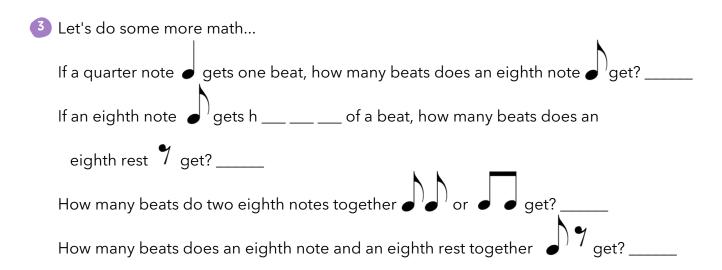
Here is a note tower, where each level should have four beats.
Fill in the empty boxes with missing notes:



Circle the correct answer.







- 4 Add the missing strokes and counts to the rhythms below. Then, clap and count the rhythms.
 - Remember, strokes go at the beginning of each beat.



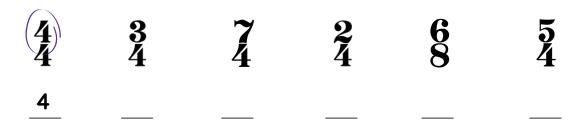




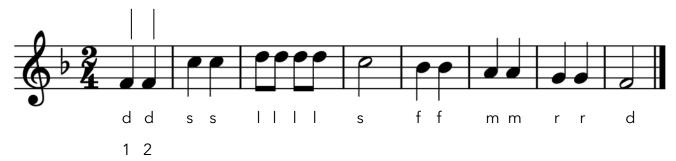


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The two numbers listed at the beginning of a piece of music are called time signatures. The top number tells us how many beats are in each bar. Circle the top number and fill in how many beats are in each bar.



2 How many beats are in each bar of this song? _____
Add strokes and counts. Sight-sing it! Do you recognize this one?



3 Sometimes songs begin with only part of a bar. Most musicians call this partial bar a pick-up, but its formal name is anacrusis (pronounced an-a-KROO-sis).

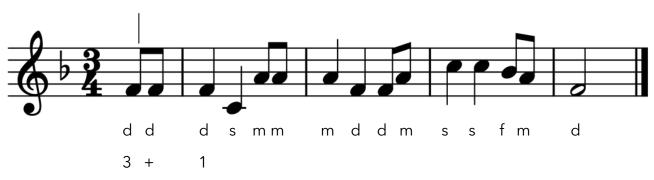
The number of beats in the pickup measure, when added to the last bar of the song, will add up to one full measure. In this example, there is one beat in the pickup bar, so the final bar of the song will be one beat shorter than normal.

How many beats are in each bar of the song below? _____

How many beats are in the pickup, or anacrusis? _____

How many beats are in the final bar of the song? _____

Add the missing strokes and counts. We've numbered the first count for you.





LET'S GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS AT

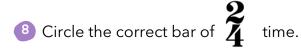
4	A time signature is made up of two numbers stacked one on top of the other. The time signature is placed at the beginning of a song.			
	The top numbers tell us how many b are in each bar. But we haven't talked about the bottom number yet! The bottom number tells us which type of note gets one beat.	ıs		
	For example, in $\overset{4}{4}$, the bottom 4 tells us that a quarter note gets one beat.			
	Here are some time signatures. Draw the note that gets one beat.			
	$\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$			
5	Fill in the blanks below.			
Ļ	beats in each bar note gets one beat 5 beats in each bar note gets one	beat		
	beats in each bar beats in each bar note gets one beat	beat		
6	Complete the bars below by adding the notes needed. The strokes show where each beat begins.			
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7	In all of these time signatures, which type of note gets one beat?			
	4 4 4			

Circle the correct answer.

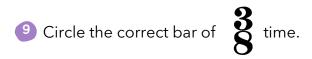




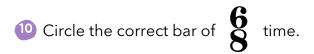
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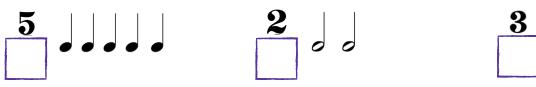


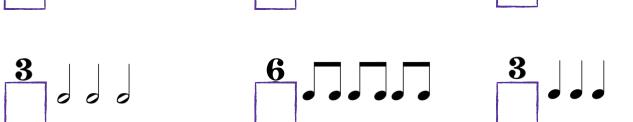






11 Based on the notes that have been given to you, fill in the missing number from the time signature.







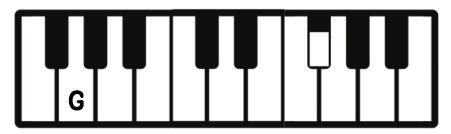




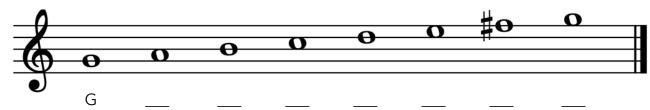
0	Do you rememb	er the pattern of the major scale? Fill in the blanks!
	(If you need help	, look back at page 12!)
	whole,	, half ,,,,,

2 Using this pattern, add the missing notes on the keyboard for the G major scale.

hint: you'll notice there is an open space on a black key that you'll have to use!



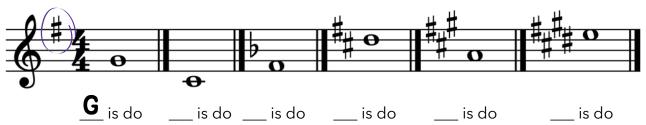
1 Here is a G major scale. Add letter names and mark the half steps with tents.



4 When we see a sharp or flat at the beginning of a song, before we see any notes, these accidentals help us find the key signature of the piece. The accidentals in the key signature mean that any time you see the the note in the song, it will be raised or lowered as it is shown at the beginning of the song.

For example, if we see a sharp on the fifth line of the staff, every F in the song will be played or sung as F#. This is the key of G major.

Here are some key signatures with do next to them. Circle the key signature and name the note that is do.



5 This song is in the key of G major. In G major, F is raised to F#, but because we are using a key signature, we don't need to mark the F's in the song with #'s. Write in the solfa notes and circle every F#.





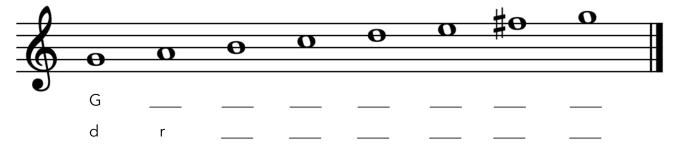


- 1 Circle which of the major scale patterns below is correct:
 - a) whole, whole, half, whole, whole, half, whole
 - b) whole, half, whole, whole, whole, half
 - c) whole, whole, half, whole, whole, whole, half
- 2 Mark the pattern below using goal posts (\bigcirc) for whole steps, and tents (\bigwedge) for half steps.



- We've talked about how do can move. In a C major scale, C is do. In an F major scale, _____ is do. In a G major scale, _____ is do.
- 4 Knowing that do can move, could we play a G major scale on the piano by beginning on G and playing all the white keys until we get to the G? It's a bit more complicated than that we have to remember the pattern above! If we count up whole steps and half steps from G, you'll find that we need to play an F# in order to make the G major scale sound correct.
 - C major is the only major scale that uses only white keys. All other major scales use at least one black key.

Here is a G major scale and as you can see, the F has been raised to an F#. Add the letter names, solfa syllables, and goal posts/tents to show half and whole steps.

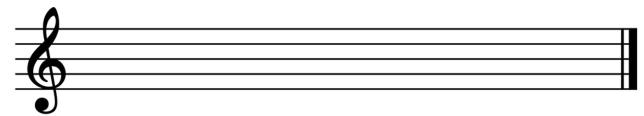


5 Label the G major scale on the keyboard.

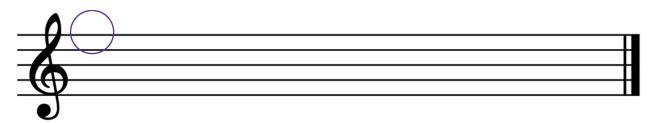




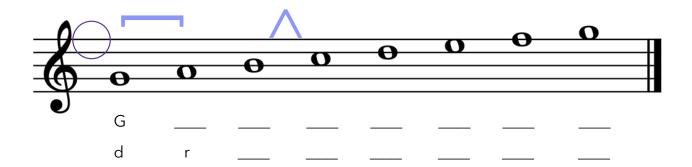
Oraw the G major scale using whole notes. Don't forget the F#!



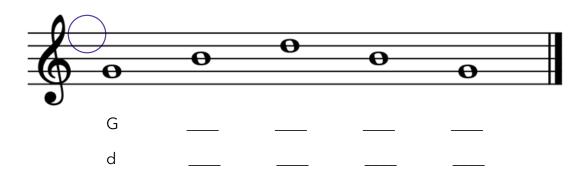
When you use a key signature, you don't have to manually write in the sharps or flats throughout the entire song - the key signature does it for you! If you see a sharp or flat at the beginning of a staff, that means that the raised or lowered note will be that way throughout the piece of music. Write out the G major scale and this time use a key signature - don't forget, you can just write F without the sharp beside it!



This G major scale is missing the key signature with F#.
Draw in the missing key signature, add the note names, solfa syllables, goal posts, and tents.



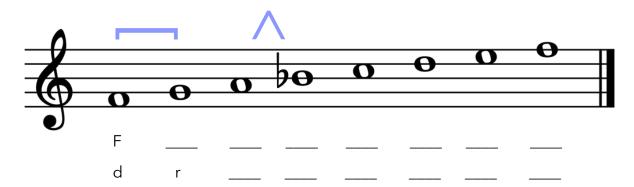
This G major tonic triad is missing the key signature too! Draw in the missing key signature, note names, and solfa syllables.





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- 1 Circle which of the major scale patterns below is correct:
 - a) whole, whole, half, whole, whole, half, whole
 - b) whole, half, whole, whole, whole, half
 - c) whole, whole, half, whole, whole, half
- 2 Do can move, remember? We've looked at how to move do to C and G major, so let's look at another scale. This time, we'll look at F major. In the key of F major, we need to lower B to B in order to make the scale sound correct. Add the letter names, solfa, and goal posts and tents.



Label the F major scale on the keyboard.



4 Here's a little melody for you to sight sing! This song is in F major, so do is _____.

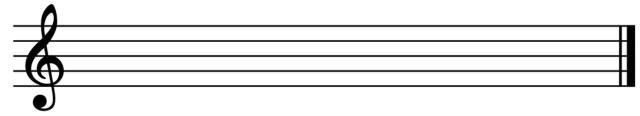
Remember, since there is a B in the key signature, every B you see in the melody will be sung as B in the note names below and circle every B you can find!



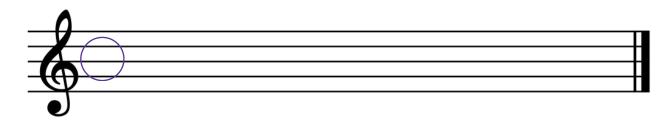


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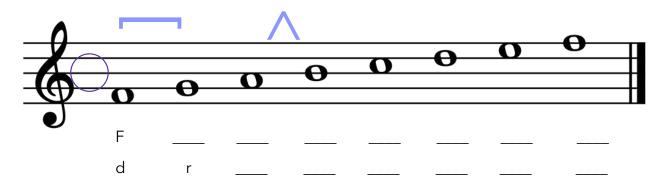
5 Draw the F major scale using whole notes. Don't forget the B .



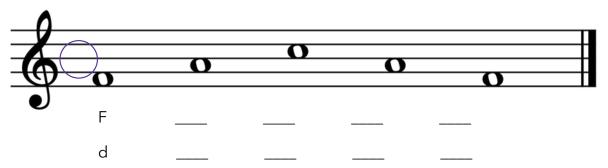
6 When we use a key signature, we don't have to manually write in the sharps or flats throughout the entire song - the key signature does it for you! Write out the F major scale and this time use a key signature - don't forget, you can just write B without the flat beside it!



This F major scale is missing the key signature and the B ▶ . Draw in the missing key signature, add the note names, solfa syllables, goal posts, and tents.



This F major tonic triad is missing the key signature too! Draw in the missing key signature, note names, and solfa syllables.



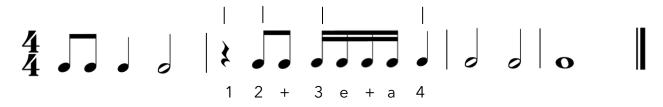


SOONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR SO

Circle the group of four sixteenth notes.



2 Add missing strokes and counts. When you see four sixteenth notes ($\sqrt{}$), you should count them as 1 e + a, 2 e + a, 3 e + a, 4 e + a.







3 What key is this song in? _____ This song moves as a scale and will help you remember how to count properly. Add the missing counts and strokes to the song - then sing it!





IT'S MORE THAN JUST NOTES IN

Do you remember the dynamics and tempi we discussed in Module 1? Here are some of the most commonly used terms and what they mean:

Adagio: popular slow tempo, meaning "at ease"

Allegro: most common speed, the "heartbeat" speed

Andante: "at a walking pace"

Grave: slow and solemn

Largo: most commonly indicated "slow" tempo

Lento: slowly

Moderato: moderately

Presto: very fast, common in fast movements of symphonies

Vivace: lively and fast

Piano: soft **Forte**: loud

Mezzo piano: medium soft Mezzo forte: medium loud

Pianissimo: very soft **Fortissimo**: very loud

Crescendo: gradually louder

Decrescendo/Diminuendo: gradually softer

But that's not all! We can also use other words to describe the style of a piece of music.

Words that describe style are...

Legato: smooth, connected notes

Marcato: stressed or marked

Sforzando: forced, with a sudden strong accent on a single note (shown like this: sfz)

Staccato: detached notes, shown with a dot placed above or below (like this: $|\dot{\bullet}|$)

We also have words that describe speed, like...

Fermata: pause or hold the note longer than the value written (shown as 🗥)

Moderato: moderate tempo

Ritardando or Rallentando: gradually slower (shown as rit. or ritard, or rall.)

Tempo: the speed of the beat



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Let's do some matching! Match the word with its meaning.

Fortissimo

Legato

Word	Meaning

loud

gradually louder

pause or hold the note longer than the value written

Decrescendo/Diminuendo

Fermata very soft

Forte gradually softer

Marcato the speed of the beat

Mezzo forte medium soft

stressed or marked Mezzo piano

Moderato medium loud

Pianissimo soft

Piano moderate tempo

Ritardando or Rallentando smooth, connected notes

> Sforzando very loud

Staccato gradually slower

detached notes Tempo



Four-leaf Clover

Lyrics by Ella Higginson Music by Charles Willeby . Marcata la melodia This line connects three staves - one for voice, one for piano a tempo. poco rit. know a place where the sun is like gold, Andthe cher-ryblooms down un-der-neath is the a tempo liestnook, where the four leaf love clo - vers grow.



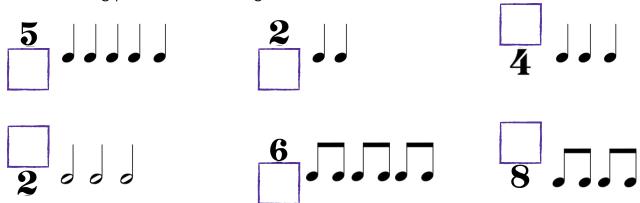
1	What is the name of the song?
	Did the same person write the music and the lyrics?
	Who wrote the music?
	Who wrote the lyrics?
2	What dynamic marking does this song begin on? What does that mean?
	What does the dynamic change to at bar 10? What does that mean?
3	What is the time signature of the piece? (Circle) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
	How many beats are in each bar? Which type of note gets one beat? (Draw)
4	What is the key signature of the piece?
5	As mentioned, this is only part of "Four-leaf Clover." There are 3 more pages of music. When you
	see only part of a piece, it is called an excerpt. This excerpt includes measure 1 to measure
6	Mark the strokes in measures 5 and 7.
7	The singer's staff and the piano staff are connected by a line. Circle another line that connects
	these staves.
8	There are two ties in the singer's part of this song. In which bars do they happen? and
9	The first word that is held by a tie is For how many beats do you hold this
	word? For how many beats is the word "grow" held?
10	What is the highest note sung in the piece?

What is the lowest note sung in the piece? _____

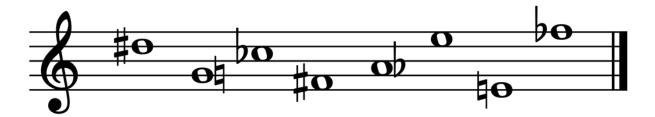


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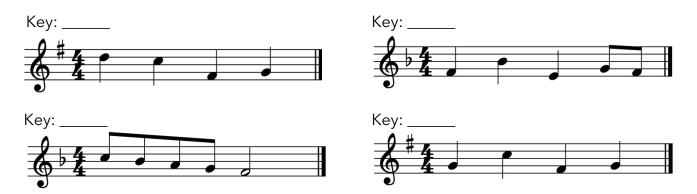
1 Add the missing part of each time signature.



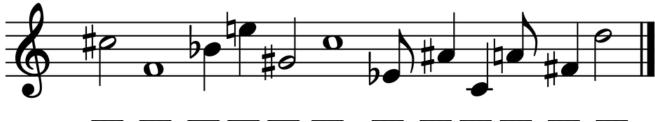
Circle all the notes with accidentals that are drawn incorrectly.



3 Name the key of each melody and circle the notes that are changed because of the key signature.



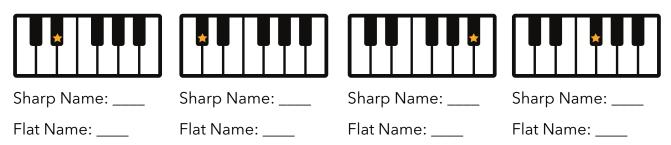
4 Name the notes below.





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5 Every black key on the keyboard can be named in two ways: by its sharp name or by its flat name. List both names of the keys below.



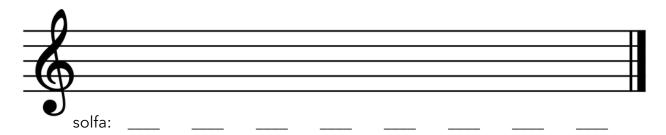
6 Are these half steps (tents) or whole steps (goal posts)? Draw the tents and goal posts.



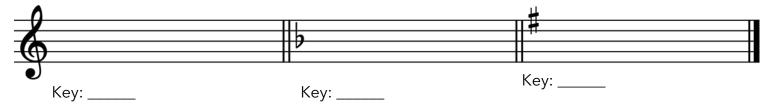
Circle the correct time signature.



B) Draw the F major scale and add solfa syllable names, and tents or goal posts between the notes.



Name the key and draw the tonic triad.



Add strokes to show the beats below.







adagio - a popular slow tempo that means "at ease", 66-76bpm

allegro - the most common tempo, also known as the "heartbeat" speed, 120-168bpm

andante - a tempo that means "at a walking pace", 76-108bpm

bar/measure - the space between barlines containing notes and rests

barline - lines that divide the staff into smaller groups of notes

counts - numbers that we write under notes to keep tack of rhythms in music

crescendo/cresc - ______ - a dynamic marking that tells us the music gradually gets louder

decrescendo/decresc or diminuendo/dimm - ______ - a dynamic marking that tells us the music gradually gets softer

dynamic - a type of musical marking that indicates the volume (loudness or softness) of the music

fermata - • a marking that indicates the singer/player should pause or hold the note longer than the written value

flat - 7 - an accidental that indicates that a note is a half step lower

forte - $m{f}$ - a dynamic marking that indicates that means loud

fortissimo - **ff** - a dynamic marking that means louder than forte

grave - a tempo that means the music should be slow and solemn, 20-40bpm

half step/semitone - the smallest distance between two notes on a keyboard (right next to each other)

hand signs - correlate to and help to indicate solfa syllables when singing

keyboard - the notes found on a piano

key signature - a marking on the staff that indicates how many sharp or flats are used in the music, which also tells us what key we are in

largo - the most commonly used "slow" tempo marking, 40-60bpm

legato - refers to smooth, connected notes



lento - a tempo marking that means "slowly", 40-60bpm

marcato - a marking that means stressed or "marked"

mezzo forte - mf - a dynamic marking that means "medium loud"

 ${\it mezzo \ piano}$ - ${\it mp}$ - a dynamic marking that means "medium soft"

moderato - a tempo that indicates a "moderate" or medium pace, 108-120bpm

note names - the alphabet we use to name musical notes (ABCDEFG)

pianissimo - pp - a dynamic marking that means softer than piano

piano - $m{p}$ - a dynamic marking that means soft

presto - a tempo that means "very fast", commonly used in the fast movements of symphonies, 162bpm-200bpm

ritardando/rit/ritard or rallentando/rall - a marking that means the music gets gradually slower

semitone - see "half step/semitone"

sharp - # - an accidental that indicates that a note is a half step higher

sforzando - Sfz - a marking that means "forced" or a sudden strong accent on a single note

solfa syllables - a different way of naming the notes in a scale (d r m f s l t d')

staccato - J - short detached notes, shown with a dote placed above or below the note

staff - the five lines and four spaces that notes are written on

strokes - a tool used to indicate where each beat lies in a bar

tempo - a marking that indicates the speed that the music is sung/played at

time signature - a marking on the staff that indicates the amount of beats in a bar, and which kind of note is counted as one beat

treble clef - a symbol at the beginning of the music that indicates that we are reading the higher notes are on the staff