

# ALTO CLEF

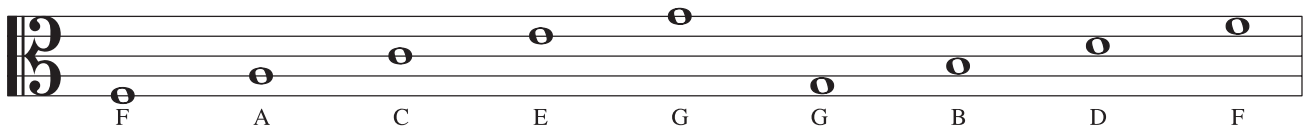
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## ALTO CLEF

The *alto clef* is used for instruments such as viola. It is also called the “C” clef because the middle point designates the note “C.” For alto clef, “C” is placed on the third line.



The lines and spaces of the staff are given certain letter names when the alto clef is used.

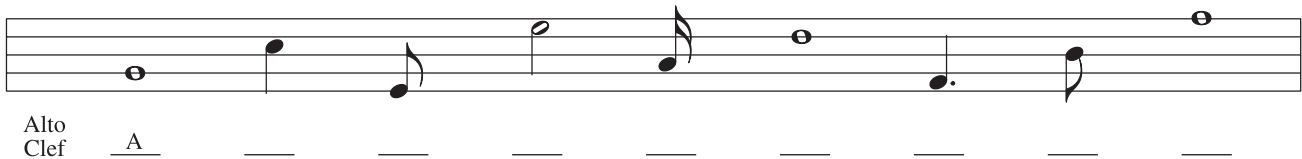


An easy way to learn the letter names of the lines in alto clef is to remember that they spell the word FACE plus G from the bottom up.

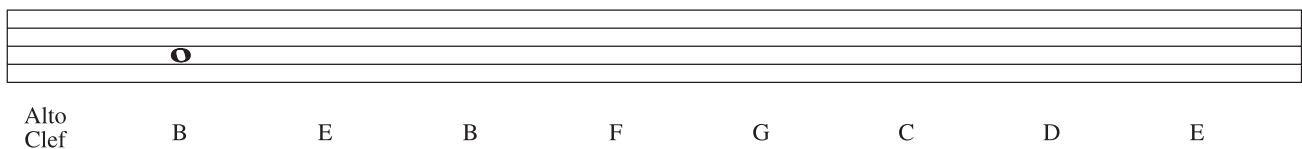
**Write:** Make up your own phrase for the letters GBDF (the alto clef spaces).

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**Practice:** Write an alto clef sign and write the letter name of the note as indicated below.



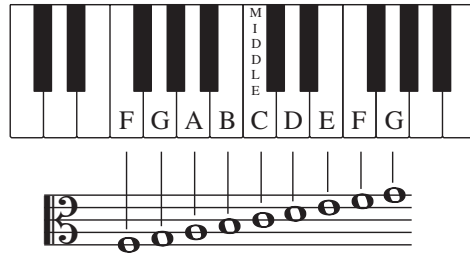
**Practice:** Write an alto clef sign; then write a whole note for each letter name listed below.



**Write:** Using the letters of the alto clef, make up as many words of any length that use only those letters: \_\_\_\_\_

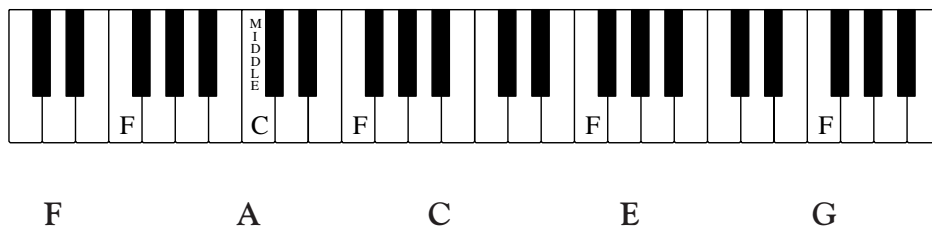
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**Look/Listen:** The piano keyboard can help you understand alto clef and pitch. The pitches on the staff match a set of white keys on the piano.



Each note written on the alto staff matches the sound of a piano key. Notice the groups of black keys, two then three, in between the white notes. This pattern repeats many times. Remembering this pattern will help you find a note on the piano.

**Match:** Put the letter on the correct key(s) of the piano keyboard shown below. “F” has been done for you.



**Bonus:** In the alto clef, what do the letters listed above represent?

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**Musical Spelling Test in the Alto Clef:** Figure out the words created by the notes below.

