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TREBLE CLEF

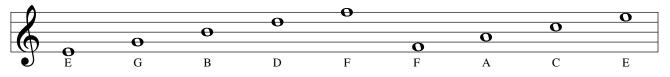
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TREBLE CLEF

The *treble clef* is used for notes of higher pitch. It is also called the "G" clef because the curl of the treble clef circles the "G" line on the treble staff.



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



An easy way to learn the letter names of the spaces in treble clef is to remember that they spell the word FACE from the bottom up.

Write: Make up your own phrase for the letters EGBDF (the treble clef lines).

Practice: Write a treble clef sign and write the letter name of the note as indicated below.



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

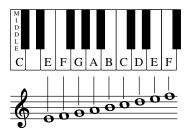
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Treble Clef	А	E	В	F	G	С	D	Е

Write: Using the letters of the treble clef, make up as many words of any length that use only those letters:_____



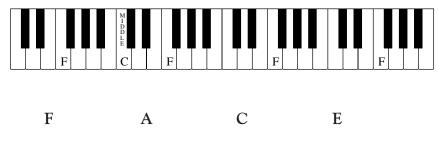
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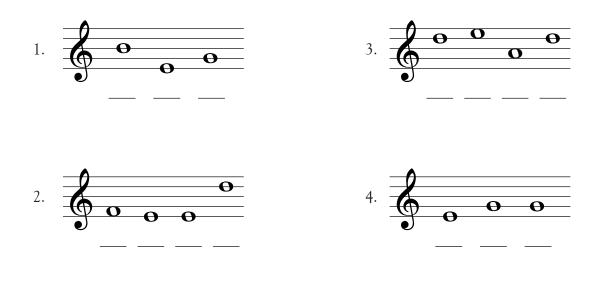
Each note written on the treble staff matches the sound of a piano key. Notice the groups of black keys, two then three, in between the white notes. This pattern repeats many times. Remembering this pattern will help you find a note on the piano.

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



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

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





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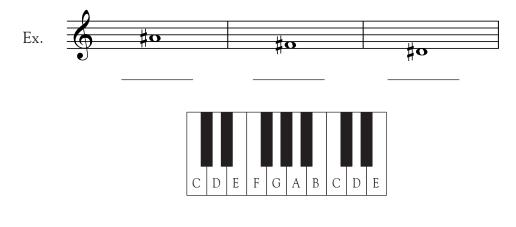
What is that sign in music that looks like a tic-tac-toe game board and what does it do? Actually, that sign is an **accidental** called a **sharp**, which is a music symbol used to raise a pitch one half step. You are probably familiar with accidentals already. Here is a complete listing.

Name	Symbol	Function
Flat	þ	lowers the pitch half step
Double Flat	b b	lowers the pitch a whole step
Natural Sign	4	cancels a prior accidental
Sharp	#	raises the pitch half step
Double Sharp	×	raises the pitch a whole step

These symbols for accidentals are placed right before the notehead to change that particular pitch. An accidental that is not part of the key signature is cancelled at the next barline.

SHARPS

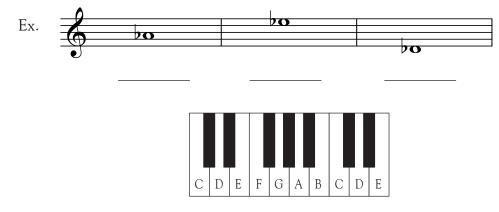
Identify the following sharps by placing their names in the blanks below these notes. Then find the notes on the keyboard below and label the key with the name of the note.





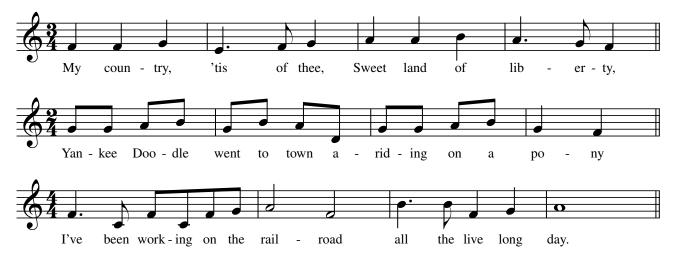
FLATS

Identify the following flats by placing their names in the blanks below these notes. Then find the notes on the keyboard below and label the key with the name of the note.



WHAT IS WRONG HERE?

To show you how necessary accidentals are in the music, have these melodies played exactly as written as you follow the notes carefully. Circle the note in each example that does not sound right. Does that note need to be raised (with a sharp) or lowered (with a flat) to make the melody correct?



The name **enharmonic** tone is given to notes that can be written as either sharps or flats. For example, C[#] is the same as D¹ as shown below. Now label the notes in the second example with their enharmonic names.



BONUS QUESTIONS

1. Is there such a thing as E sharp? What other name would that note have? _____



2. Can there be a C flat? What other name would that note have? _

ALTO CLEF

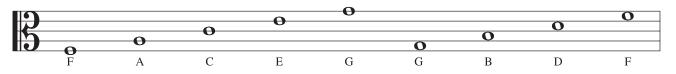
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ALTO CLEF

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).

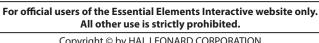
Practice: Write an alto clef sign and write the letter name of the note as indicated below.



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

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Alto Clef	В	Е	В	F	G	С	D	Е

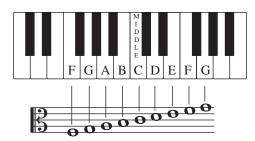
Write: Using the letters of the alto clef, make up as many words of any length that use only those letters:





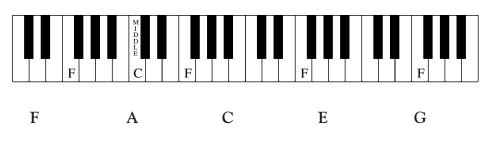
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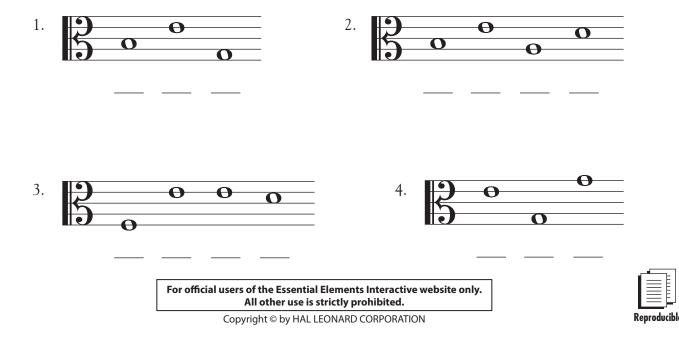
Each note written on the alto staff matches the sound of a piano key. Notice the groups of black keys, two then three, in between the white notes. This pattern repeats many times. Remembering this pattern will help you find a note on the piano.

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?

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



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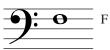


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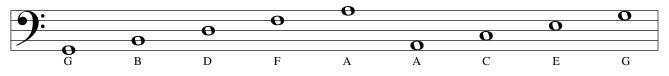
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BASS CLEF

The *bass (pronounced "base") clef* is used for notes of lower pitch. It is also called the "F" clef because the two dots of the clef surround the line named "F" in bass staff.



The lines and spaces of the staff have different letter names than those written in the treble clef.



An easy way to learn the letter names of the spaces in bass clef is to remember the acronym ACEG or the phrase All Cows Eat Grass.

Write: Make up your own phrase for the letters GBDFA (the bass clef lines).

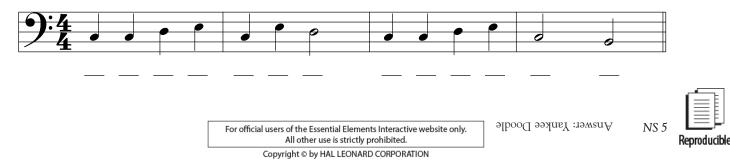
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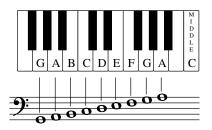
Practice: Write the bass clef sign; then write a whole note for each letter name listed below.



Bonus: Can you guess the tune? Write the name of the notes below the staff.



Look/Listen: The piano keyboard can help again in learning the names of lines and spaces in the bass clef. The same letters (F,G,A,B,C,D,E) used in treble clef are used in bass clef. The bass clef just organizes these letters in a different way.

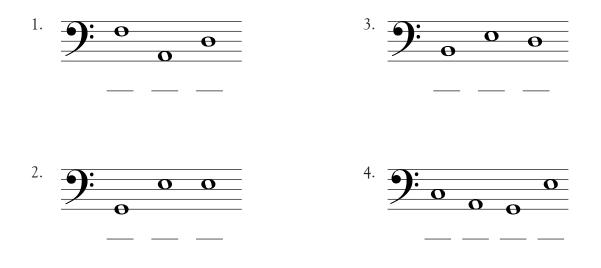


Match: Put the letter on the correct key(s) of the piano keyboard shown below. "G" has been done for you.

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G	В	D	F	A

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

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





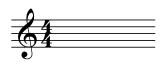
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Now that you've learned about scale patterns, it is time to discover how accidentals play a part in the formation of key signatures. Basically, the appearance of these sharps or flats at the beginning of a piece indicates that those particular notes are to raised (#) or lowered (\flat) throughout that piece. In printed music, the necessary sharps and flats (one or the other) are found at the start of each line of music, following the clef sign, making up the key signature.



KEY OF C MAJOR

The key of C major has no sharps or flats and looks like this:



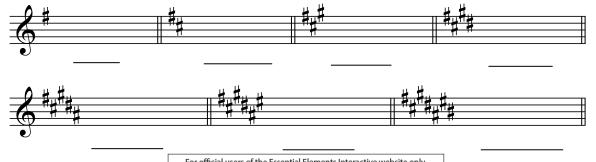
SHARPS

There are seven key signatures that use sharps:

Key of G – one sharp (F#) Key of D – two sharps (F# and C#) Key of A – three sharps (F#, C# and G#) Key of E – four sharps (F#, C#, G# and D#) Key of B – five sharps (F#, C#, G#, D# and A#) Key of F# – six sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#, A# and E#) Key of C# – seven sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#, A#, E# and B#)

The order of sharps from left to right in a key signature is always F#, C#, G#, D#, A#, E# and B#, a good thing to know. The sharp sign is placed on the line or space of the note it alters. For example, the F# is placed on the first space or fifth line.

Using the chart above, label the key signatures below:





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You can always tell what key you are in using sharps, by going up a half step from the last sharp in the signature.



When you go a half step up from F#, you know you are in the key of G.

FLATS

There are seven key signatures that use flats:

Key of F – one flat (B) Key of Bb - two flats (Bb and Eb) Key of Eb - three flats (Bb, Eb and Ab) Key of Ab - four flats (Bb, Eb, Ab and Db)Key of Db - five flats (Bb, Eb, Ab, Db and Gb) Key of Gp - six flats (Bp, Ep, Ab, Dp, Gp and Cp) Key of Cb - seven flats (Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, Cb and Fb) The order of flats from left to right in a key signature is always Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, C and F, a good thing to remember. The flat sign is placed on the line or space

Using the chart above, label the key signatures below:



of the note it alters. For example, the Bb is placed on the third line.

To find which key you are in using flats, go backwards one flat in the signature from the last flat added.



With three flats (Bb, Eb and Ab) go back one flat from the last flat (Ab) to know that you are in the key of E₂. (You will simply need to memorize the key of F, which only has one flat.)

BONUS QUESTIONS:

1. Is a natural sign (\$) ever used in key signatures? _____ What is its purpose?

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2. What other name is given the note B#? C ? ___

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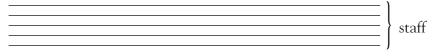
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STAFF

Music is written on a graph of five lines and four spaces called a staff.



The lines and spaces of the staff are numbered from bottom to top.



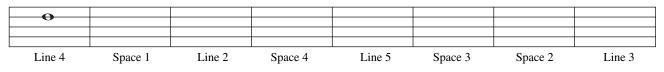
Practice: Place an "X" on the staff indicating the location of the line or space.

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PITCH

Notes are the symbols that are placed on the lines and in the spaces. They represent sounds called *pitch* and show rhythmic values (Concept 2, page 4).

Practice: Write whole notes on the correct line or space.



Pitch is the highness or lowness of musical sounds represented by notes on the staff. The higher the note is on the staff, the higher the sound; the lower the note, the lower the sound.

Practice: Compare the pitch of each pair of notes below. If the second note is higher, mark "H"; if it is lower, mark "L".





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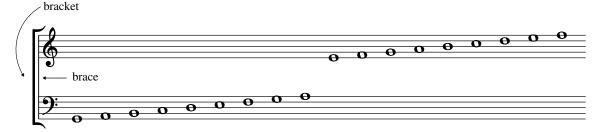
Observe: Name objects or instruments that produce high sounds

low sounds

Experiment: See how high or low the pitch of your voice can go. Can you match your voice to any keys on the piano? How many piano keys between your highest and lowest sounds (don't count the black keys)? ______

GRAND STAFF

A grand staff is a grouping of two staves (plural of staff) connected by a brace and a bracket.



Practice: Trace the brace and bracket pattern on the left; then fill in the brace and bracket on the next 2 examples.

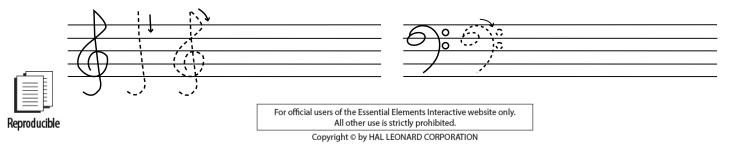


CLEF

The symbols at the beginning of each staff are called *clefs*. A clef identifies a set of pitches. The *treble clef* generally refers to higher pitches while the *bass clef* refers to lower pitches. When they are placed on a grand staff, the treble clef is on the upper staff and the bass clef is on the lower staff.



Practice: Write both clefs below. Begin by tracing the clefs; notice carefully the detail.





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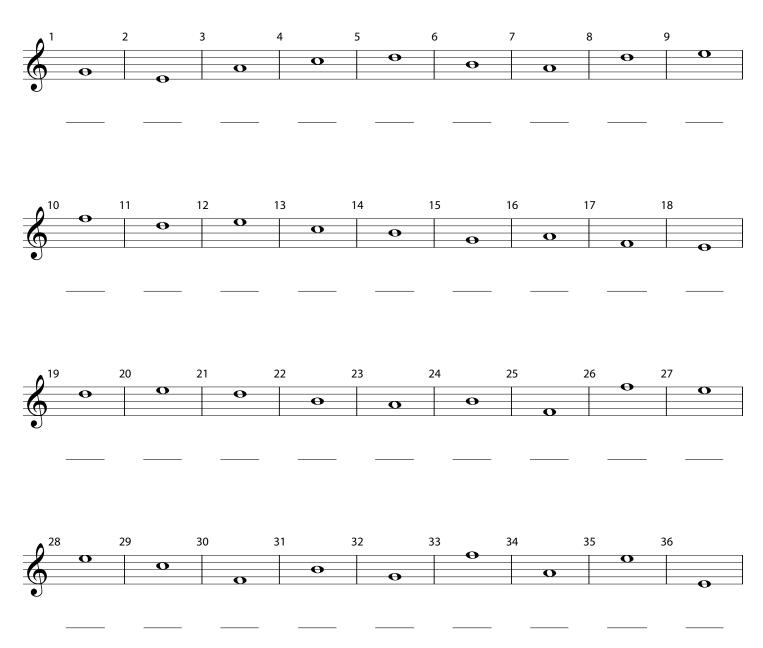




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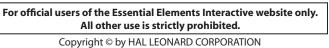




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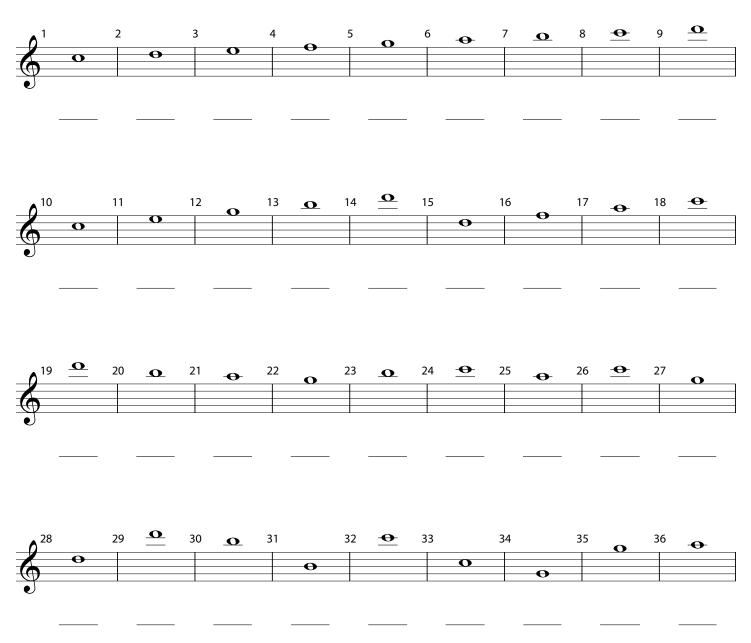
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