

# Kahi Ka Pila

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Theory

Tacos? – Pianos? – who knows?

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**SNEAK  
PEEK**



Hi!  
Welcome to **Kaŋi Ka Pila - Theory**

This is the companion book to the **Kaŋi Ka Pila - Lesson** book.  
. Hopefully you have both and hopefully you bought an extra one just to give to a friend's mom, she's super nice.

In this book we will be focusing on music theory and practical applications of the mechanics of music. Music theory is the exploration of how music works. Theory isn't what you play it's how you play. This is the science of how to make music. Not only will you understand the piano better but it will be easier to play and create new things. This is kind of like an instruction book to music. Next time you have to assemble a lawnmower you'll notice it is a lot easier to put together after you read the instructions. So let's get sparkplugging.

Here's how it works:  
On the bottom of each page of each book there will be book correspondences. This will tell you what the page this relates to in the other book. If you build up your playing along side your knowledge you'll be an unstoppable weedwacking musician.





# Phase 1

## The Music Alphabet





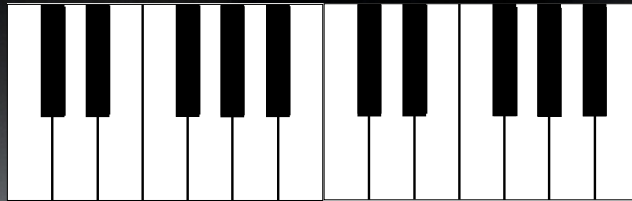
# The Notes

Are you ready for this? It might not make sense, but listen to this.  
In music there are only 7 notes. 7!?!?! That means every song from Beethoven to Beyonce, and everything in between, was all created using only 7 letters.  
How that's possible I'll never know.

## ABCDEFG

There...that's all you need to know. That....and a ton of other things...

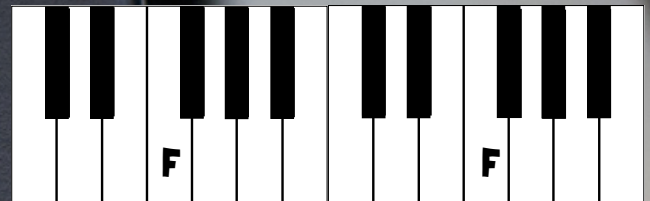
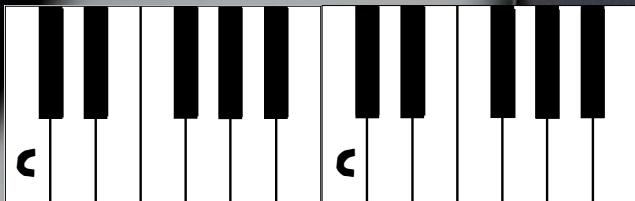
These notes, the alphabet, are easy to find by using the keyboard's natural landmarks. You'll notice that the piano has a sequence of black keys and it's laid out with groups of 2's and 3's.



The hack is that these black keys help you navigate the piano.

The note **C** is before the **2's**.

The note **F** is before the **3's**.



Now, if you have a kindergarten diploma and know the alphabet, you'll be able to figure out any other note.

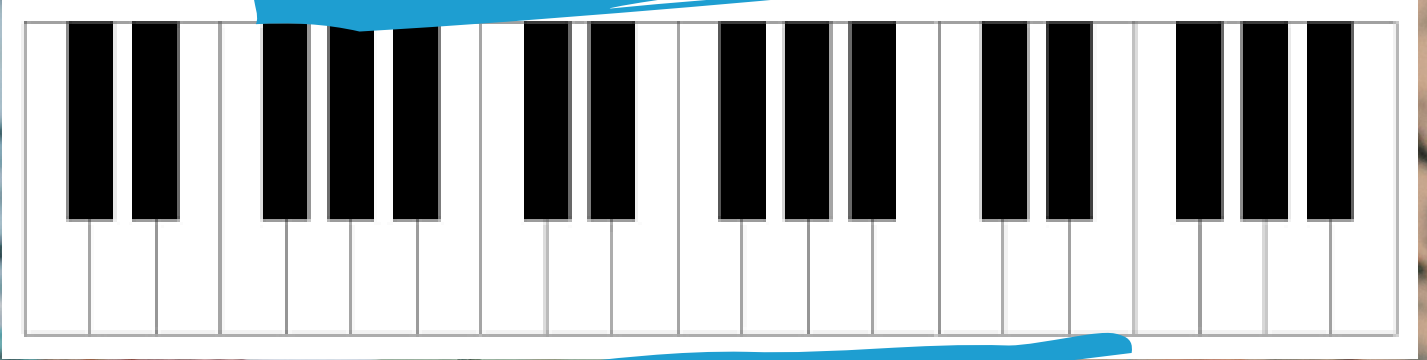




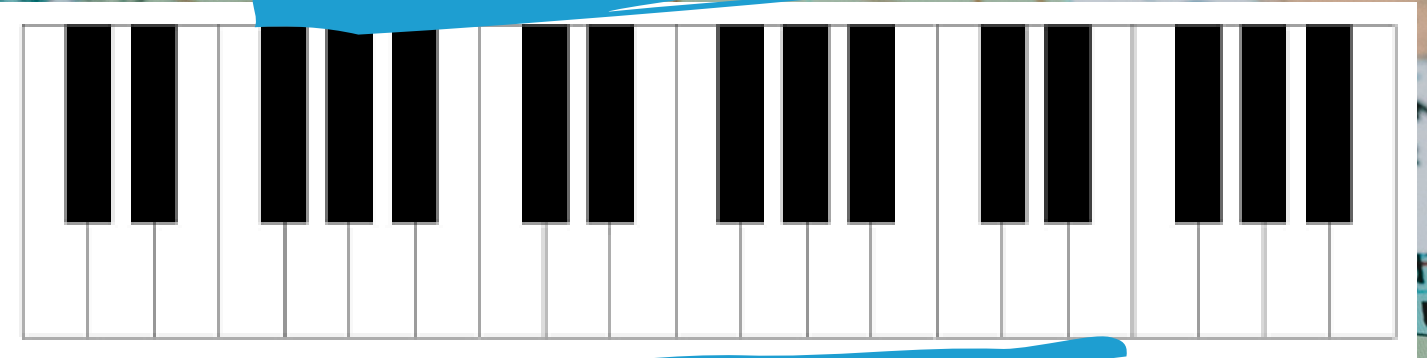
# Keyboard Geography

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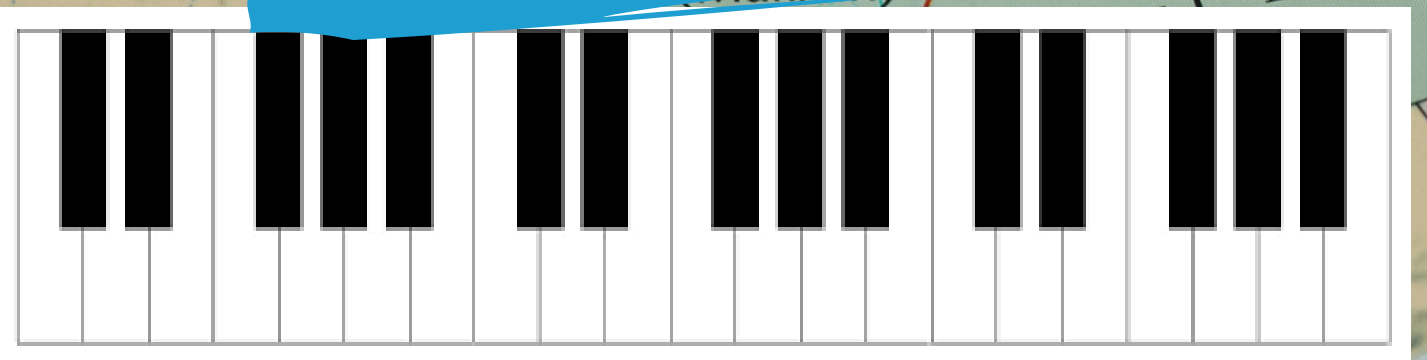
Circle the 2 black key groups.



Circle the 3 black key groups.



Label the C's and F's.



Play these  
notes on the piano  
everyday.



# Keyboard Topography

Label the keyboards below and I'll buy you a puppy.

Label the C's and F's.



Label the D's and G's.



Label the A's and E's.



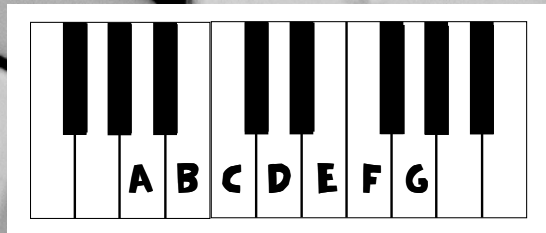
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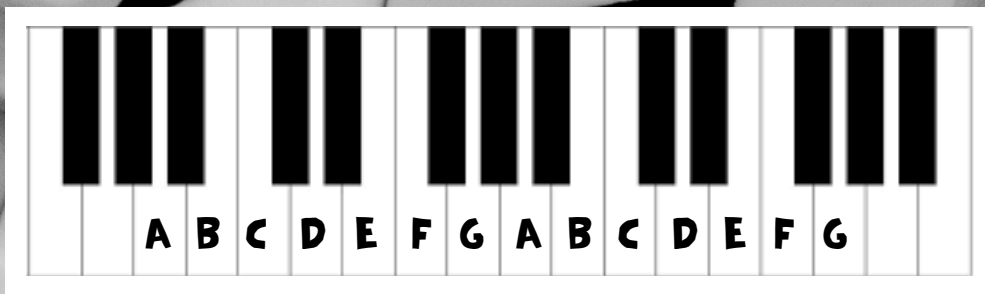
# The Music Alphabet

Alright... I know you have your kindergarten diploma and you know the alphabet pretty well now. But there's still more to music theory.

The music alphabet only has 7 letters. I don't know, I guess they tired and only went to the letter G.



Then, because life is short and who doesn't need a break sometimes, they started it over. Easy.



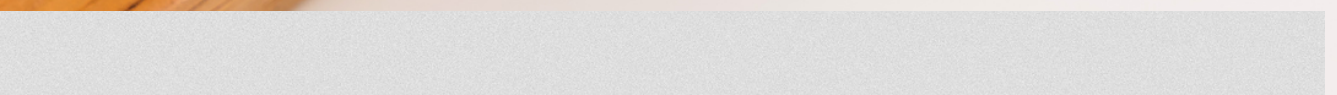
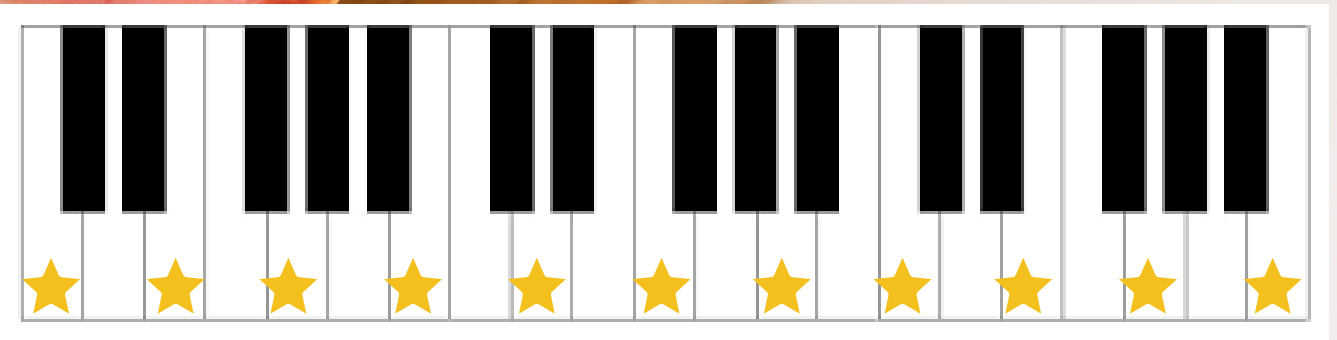
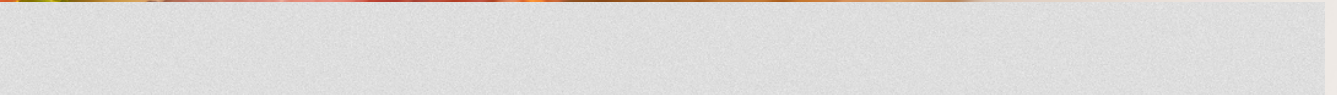
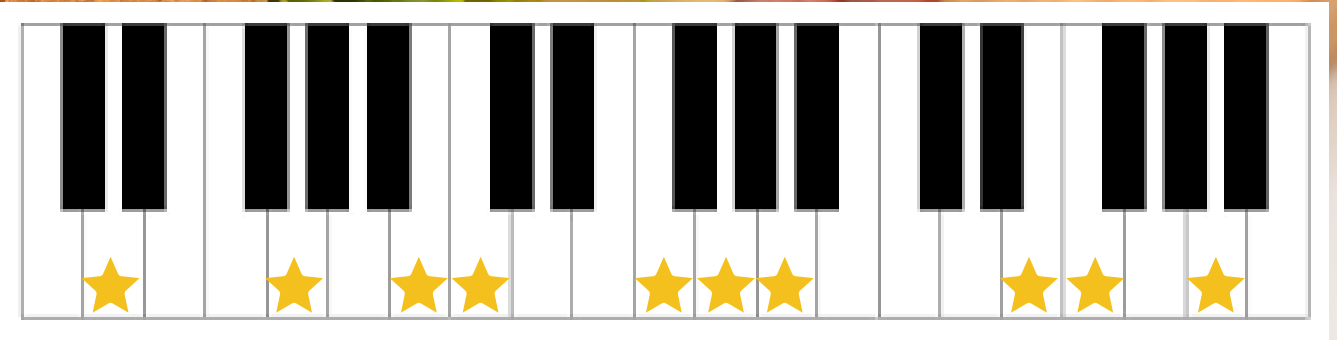
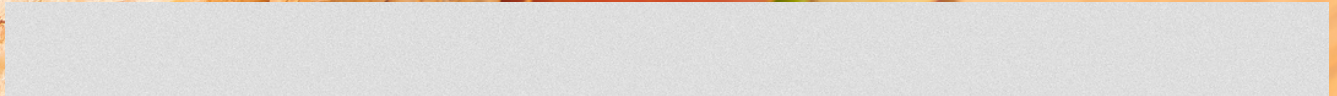
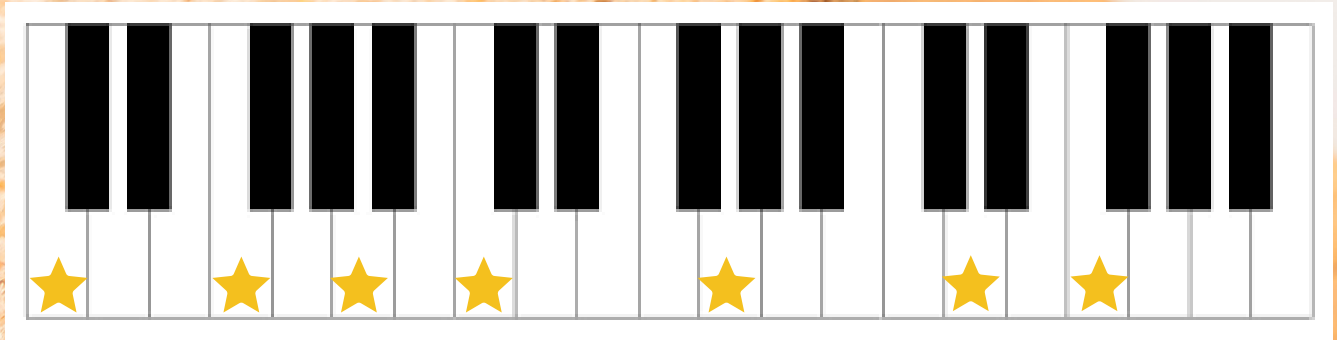
Now we will practice this concept throughout the chapter with our *Keyboard Spellers*...wait... *Keybored Spellers*...wait....*Keybored Spellars*.....there we go.

Remember to play the notes in this book on the piano, you'll get extra credit points and a bunch of those will get you a chalupa or toy spider.



# Keybored Spellar

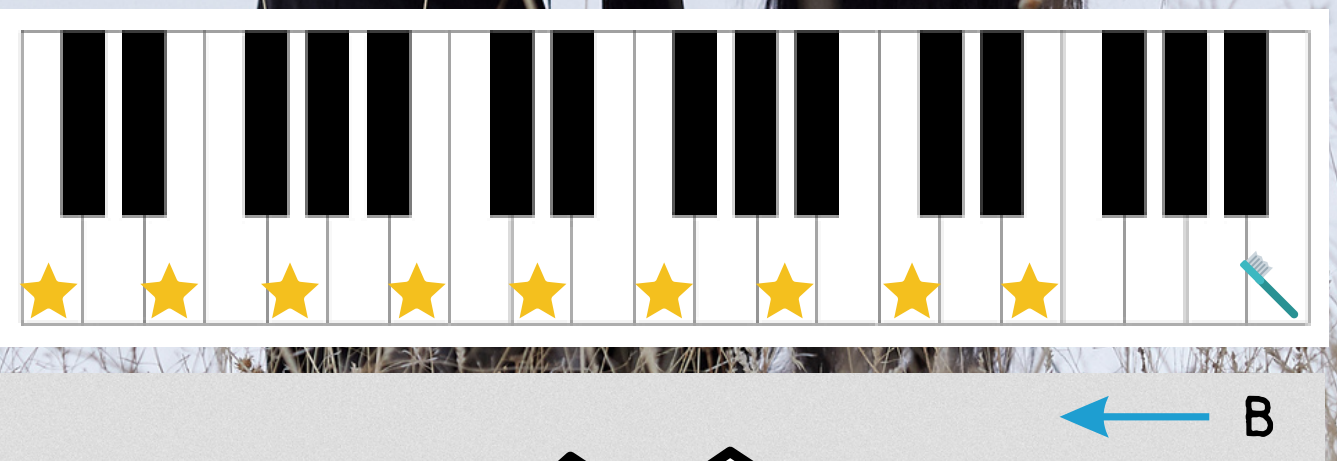
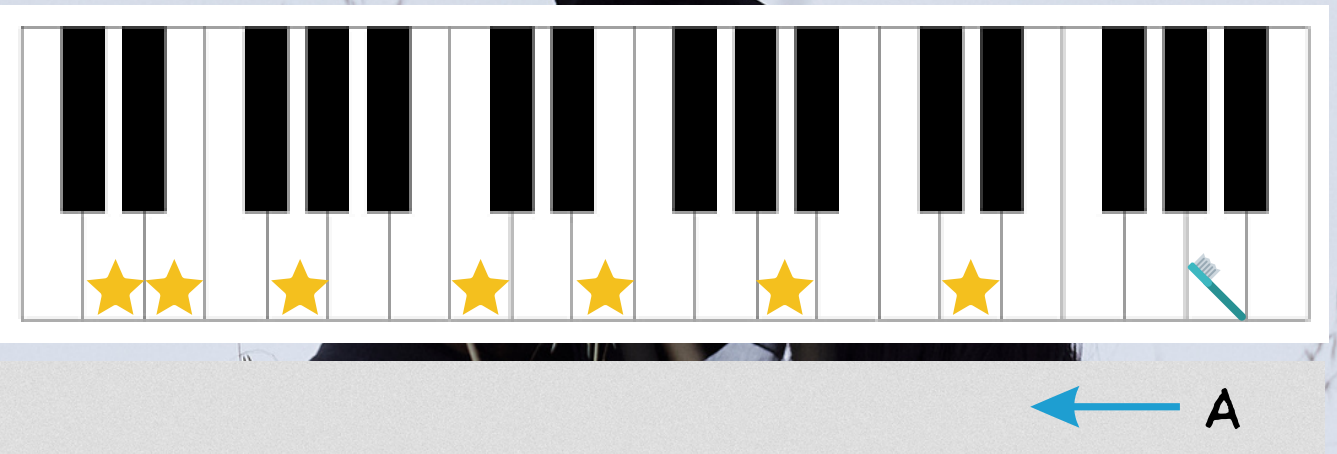
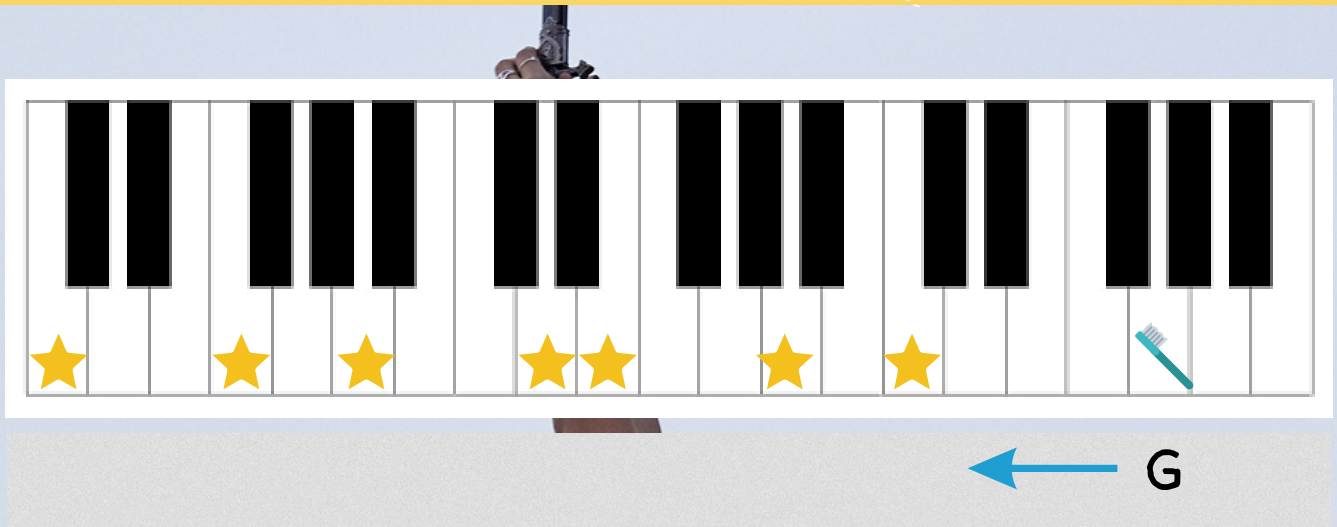
Label the keyboards below and I'll make you a sandwich.





# *rallepS derobyek*

Label the keyboards BACKWARDS and I'll buy you a toothbrush.



Play these  
notes on the piano  
everyday.



# Key Words

Spell the words and I'll never say anything bad about you again.

A graphic of a piano keyboard, tilted slightly upwards to the right, with white and black keys.

**FACE**

A graphic of a piano keyboard, tilted slightly upwards to the right, with white and black keys.

**DAB**

A graphic of a piano keyboard, tilted slightly upwards to the right, with white and black keys.

**EGG**

A graphic of a piano keyboard, tilted slightly upwards to the right, with white and black keys.

**FAD**

A graphic of a piano keyboard, tilted slightly upwards to the right, with white and black keys.

**GAGA**

A graphic of a piano keyboard, tilted slightly upwards to the right, with white and black keys.

**BEG**

A white starburst shape with a black outline.

Play these notes  
on the piano  
everyday.



# Key Words 2

Spell the words and I'll bake you a cake.

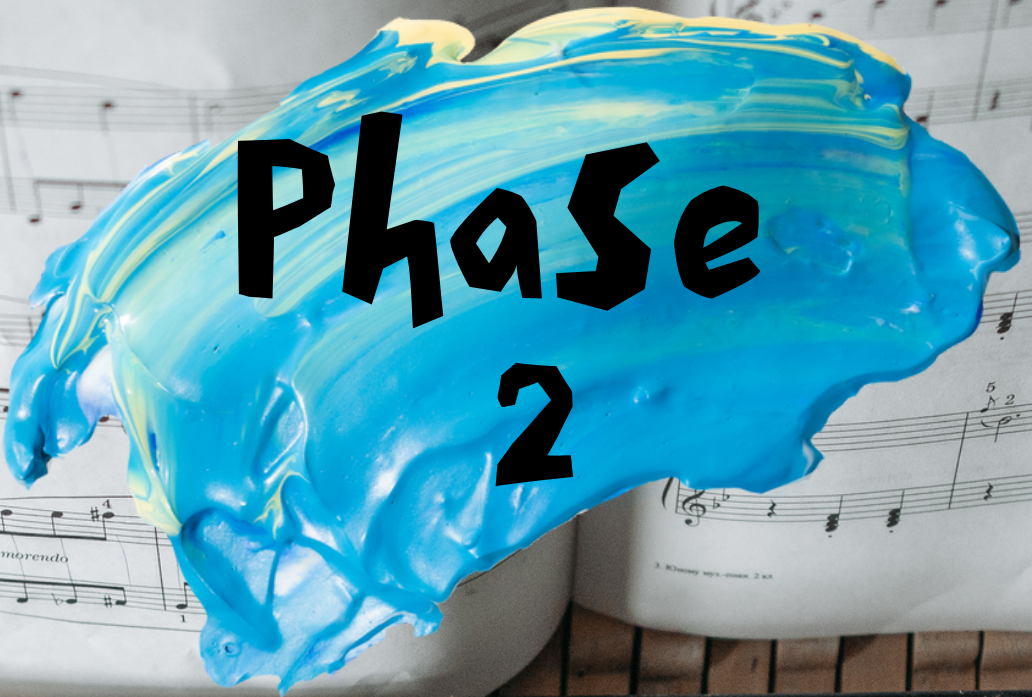
**DECADE**

**EDGE**

**CAGE**

**FADED**





# Phase 2

Sharps





**This: #**

This is definitely not a hashtag.  
#notahashtag.

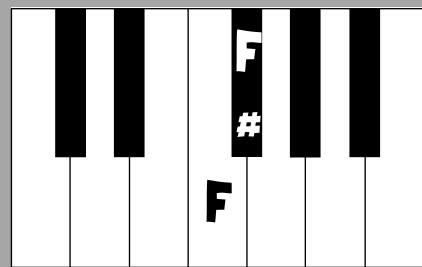
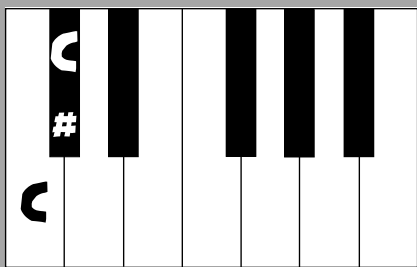
**This: #**

This is a sharp.

Remember how we said in music there were only 7 notes, and that every Beyonce song and everything else was all created using only the seven letters of the music alphabet.

Well now there's a few more bonus tones.

Sharps move the note up a half step. This means that whenever you see # (which isn't a hashtag) that you will go up to the next key.





# Sharps

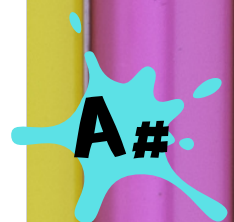
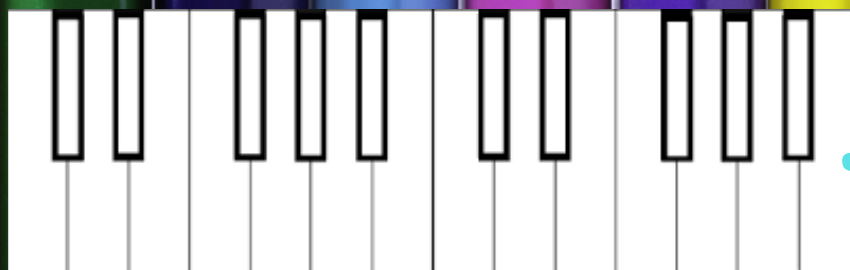
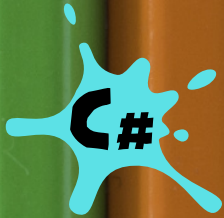
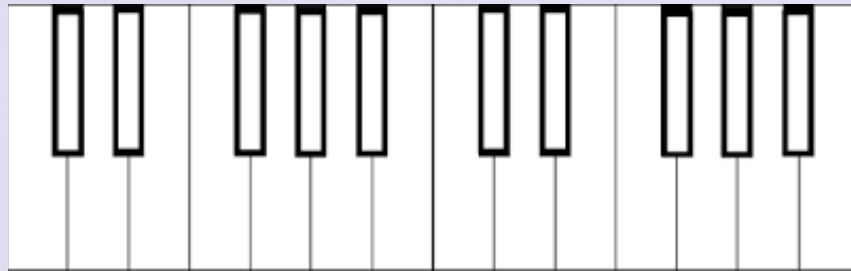
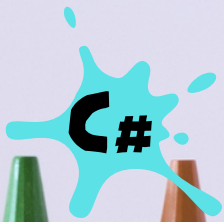
Name the notes and I'll jump up and down.





# Piano Sharpener

Connect the note to the keyboard and I'll get you a black hole.







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Taco me!!!



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