

Music Basics

Lesson 1

The White Keys



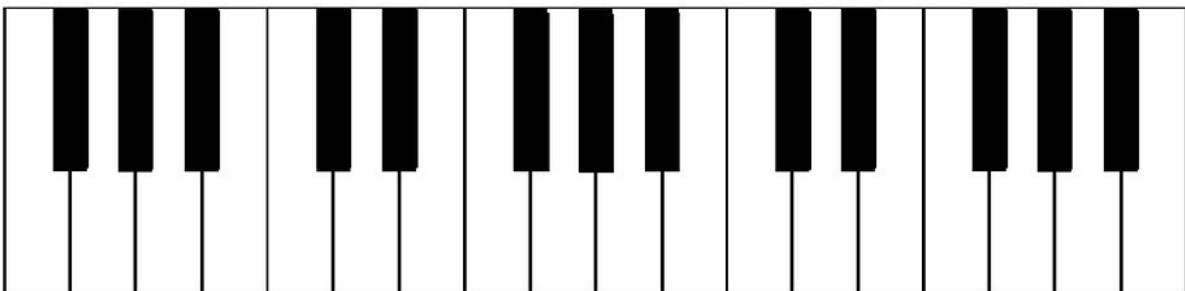
Check off each item as completed. Make sure you understand completely before moving on.

Naming the white keys:

Start by making the connection between the note names and the keys on the keyboard

___ Begin by looking for middle C.

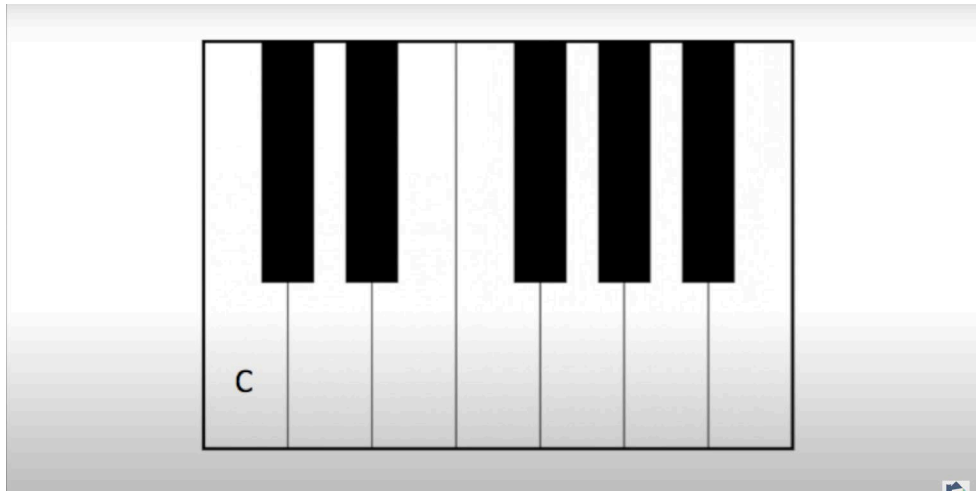
___ Locate the middle of the keyboard and notice the black key arrangement.



You've got black keys in groups of two and three.

___ Find the group of two Black Keys near the middle of the keyboard.

The white key directly to the left is middle C.



Using this method, you can find every C on the keyboard.

___ Go ahead and play every C on the keyboard. Listen to how they sound. It's essentially the same note but in different octaves. Some of them are high, some of them are low.

To find the rest of the white keys and you only need to know the first 7 letters of the alphabet.
A B C D E F G.

___ Find middle C again, then go to the next white key down to the left.



That will be "B".

___ The next white key down is "A."



___ Now you can go up (left to right on the keyboard) from A and once you reach G the pattern repeats.

___ Memorize these seven notes and learn to identify them on the keyboard without hesitation. (You can always use The Black Keys to help guide you).

Two black key grouping:

- The key to the left is C
- The key in the middle is D
- The key to the right is E

Three black key grouping:

- The key to the left is F
- The key in the middle of the first and second black Keys is G
- The key in the middle of the second and third black keys is A
- The key to the right is B

