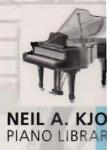
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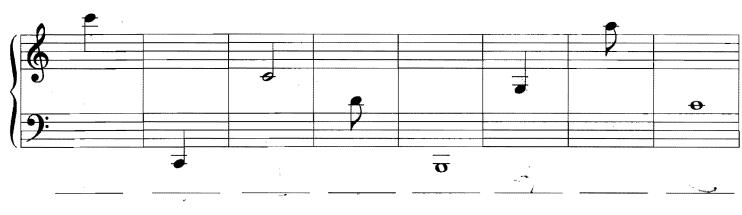
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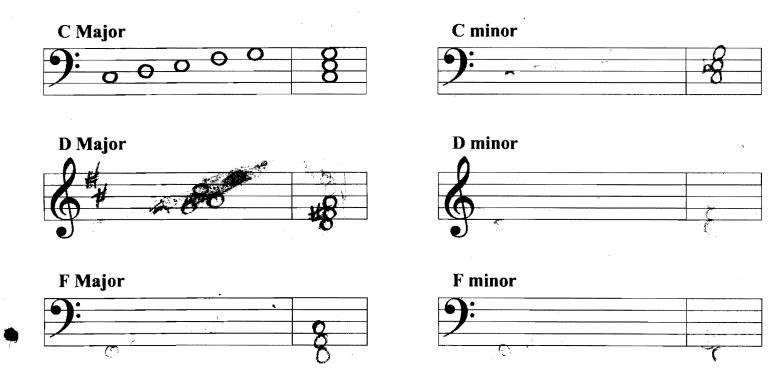
Level One Review

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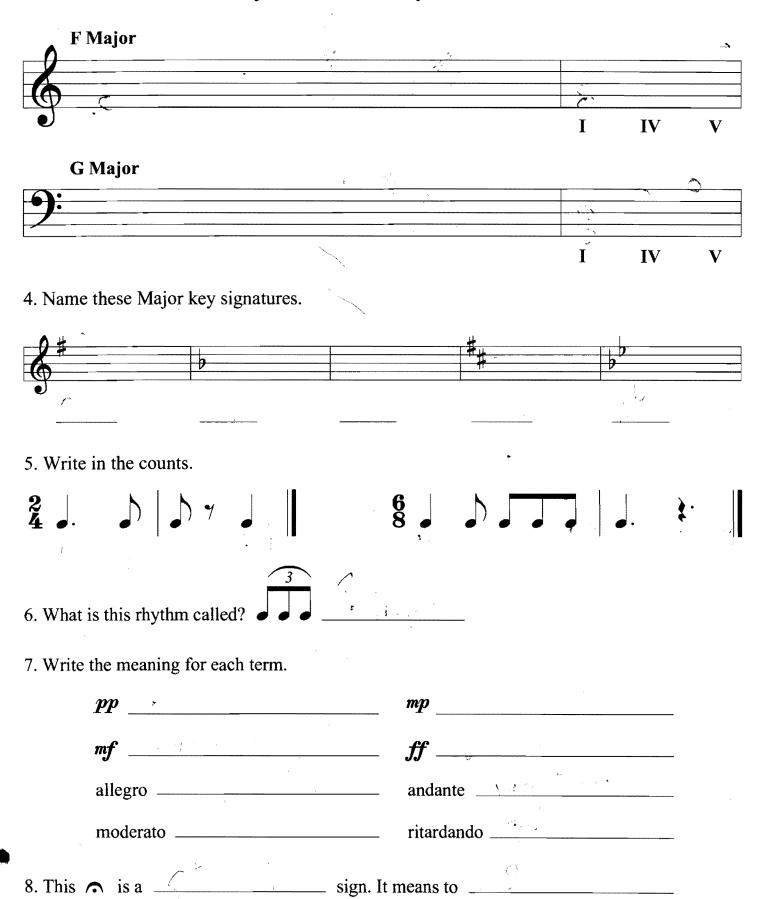




2. Draw the notes of these Major 5-finger patterns and triads.



3. Draw the notes of these Major scales and Primary triads.



' Unit 1

Time Signatures and Rhythm

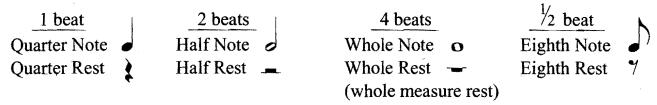
Time Signatures

The time signature is the two numbers written at the beginning of a piece.

- The top number tells how many beats are in each measure.
- The bottom number tells what kind of note gets one beat.

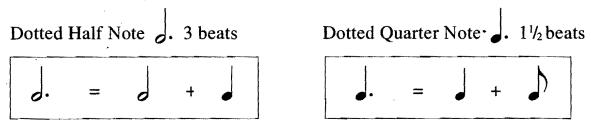
In time signatures with a 4 on the bottom, the quarter note deets one beat.

Notes and Rests in $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and $\frac{4}{4}$

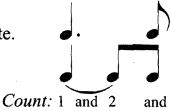


Dotted Notes

The dot on the right side of a note adds half of the value of the note.



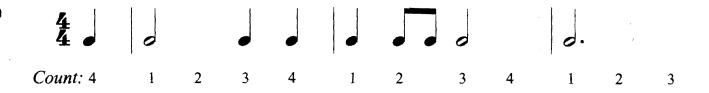
The dotted quarter note is often followed by one eighth note. This rhythm may be understood when seen as a quarter note tied to an eighth note.



Upbeats

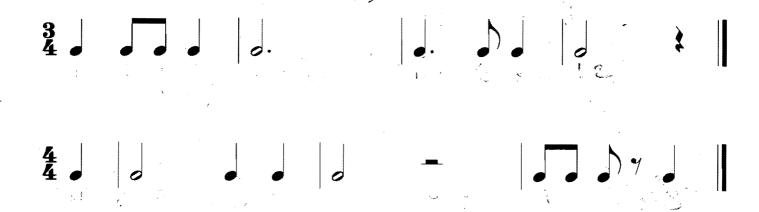
An **upbeat** is the note or notes that come before the first full measure of a piece. The measure with the upbeat(s) is **incomplete**.

The missing counts are found in the last measure, which is also incomplete.



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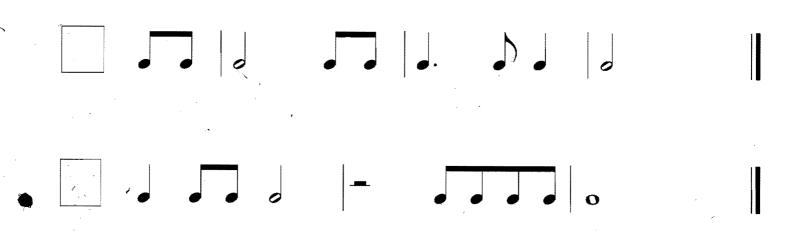
1. Write in the counts under these rhythms.



2. Add bar lines to each rhythm.

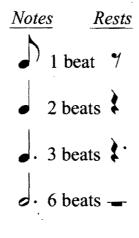


3. Write the correct time signature for each rhythm.



# Time Signature 8

- 6 means six beats in each measure.
- 8 means the eighth note gets one beat.



A measure in § can be divided in half, creating a feeling of two pulses per measure.

Sound: 1 2 3 4 5 6

or: 1

4. Clap and count this rhythm aloud.



5. Write in the counts. Clap and count aloud.



6. Add barlines to this rhythm.
Write in the counts. Clap and count aloud.



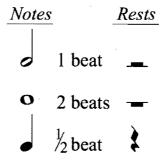
7. Play and count aloud.



# Time Signature 2

2 means two beats in each measure.

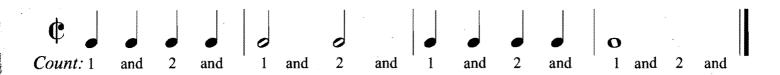
2 means the half note gets one beat.



 $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{2}$ 

The time signature  $\mathbf{\hat{z}}$  is usually written with the sign  $\mathbf{\hat{c}}$ . It means alla breve or "cut time".

8. Clap and count this rhythm aloud.



9. Write in the counts. Clap and count aloud.



10. Add bar lines to this rhythm. Write in the counts. Clap and count aloud.





#### **Sixteenth Notes**

One sixteenth note has two flags.



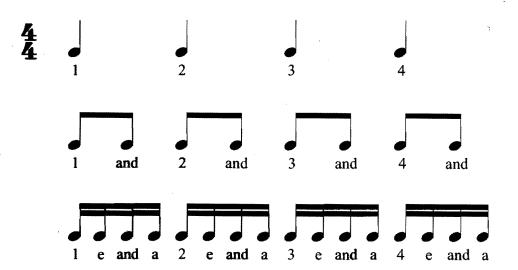
Two or more sixteenth notes are connected with a double beam.



Four sixteenth notes equal one quarter note.

| Time Signatures:               | 2<br>4 | ي<br>ر | 3 | 4<br>4      |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|---|-------------|
|                                |        | 7      |   | ½ beat rest |
| $ = \frac{1}{2} \text{ beat} $ |        | 7      | = | ½ beat rest |
| = 1 beat                       | ,      | *      |   | 1 beat rest |

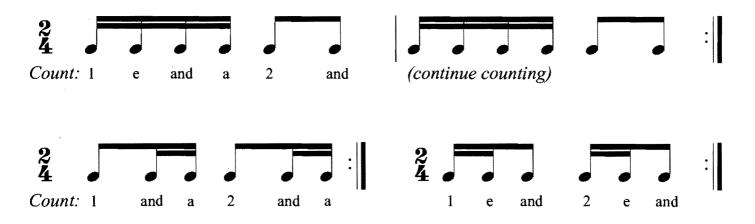
#### 12. Clap and count these rhythms.



13. Draw double beams to connect each group of four notes to form sixteenth notes.



14. Clap and count these rhythms.



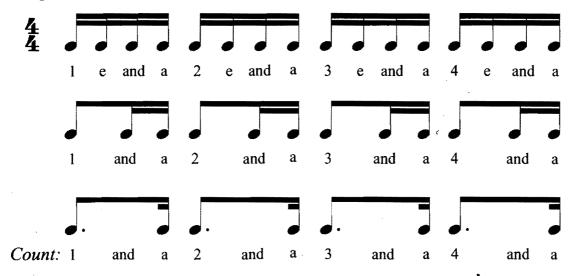


#### **Dotted Eighth Note Rhythms**

The dotted eighth note is often followed by a sixteenth note. The dotted eighth note is equal to three sixteenth notes. The dot adds half of the value of the note.



16. Clap and count these rhythms.



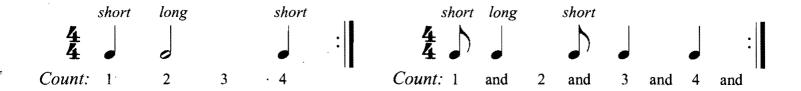
17. Write in the counts. Clap and count aloud.



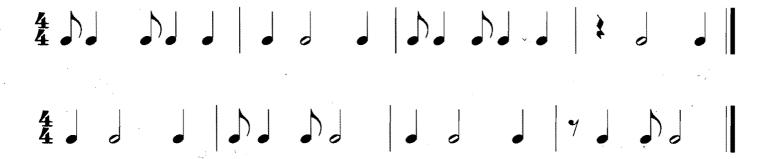


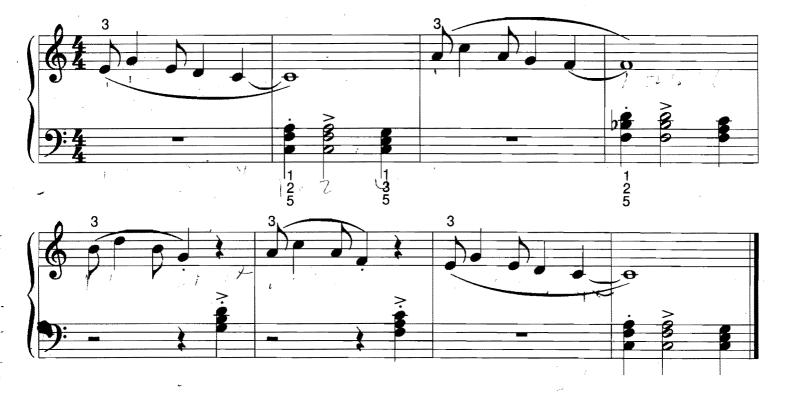
#### **Syncopation**

Syncopation means to emphasize or accent the weak beats in a measure. The most common syncopated rhythms create a pattern which is **short - long - short.** 



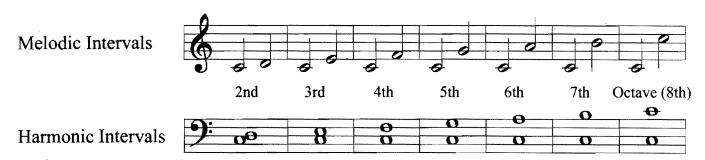
19. Write in the counts. Clap and count aloud.





## **Intervals**

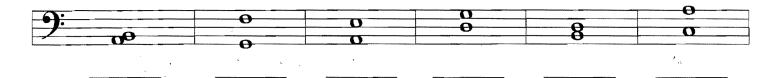
An **interval** is the distance between two notes. **Melodic** intervals are two notes played *one at a time*. **Harmonic** intervals are two notes played *at the same time*.



1. Name these melodic intervals.



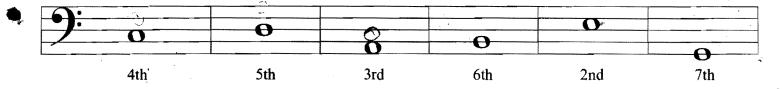
<sup>2</sup>. Name these harmonic intervals.



3. Draw these melodic intervals up from the given note. Use half notes.



4. Draw these harmonic intervals up from the given note. Use whole notes.



# Half Steps and Whole Steps

#### Half Step

A half step is the distance from one key to the very next key with no key between.

1. Draw the note a half step **above** each given note. Use quarter notes.



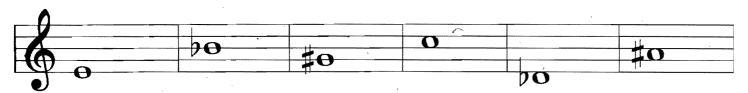
2. Draw the note a half step **below** each given note. Use half notes.



#### Whole Step

A whole step is the distance from one key to the next key with one key between.

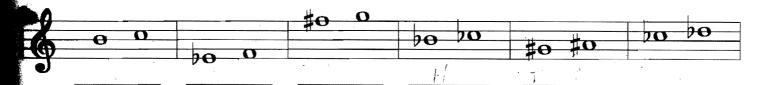
3. Draw the note a whole step above each given note. Use whole notes.



**4.** Draw the note a whole step **below** each given note. Use half notes.

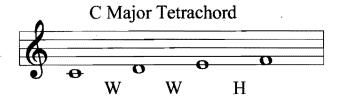


5. Write H for half step and W for whole step.



# **Tetrachords and Major Scales**

A **tetrachord** is a group of four notes formed in a pattern of whole steps and half steps. The pattern for a Major tetrachord is **whole step - whole step - half step** (W - W - H).

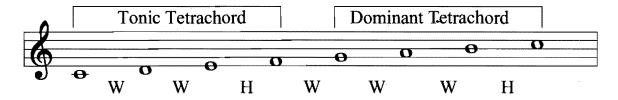




Major scales can be formed by joining two tetrachords.

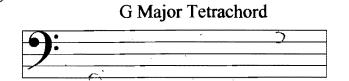
- The 1st tetrachord is called the tonic tetrachord.
- The 2nd tetrachord is called the dominant tetrachord.
- The two tetrachords are joined by a whole step.

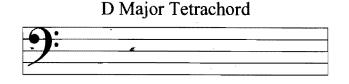
#### C Major Scale



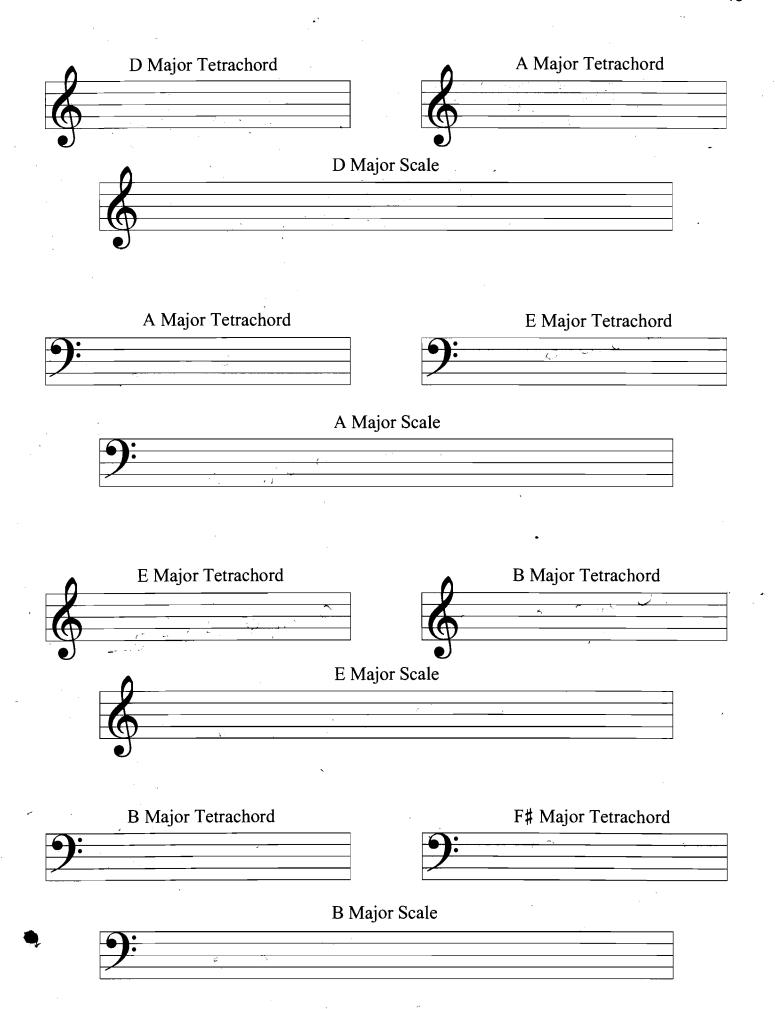
#### **Drawing Major Tetrachords and Scales with Sharps**

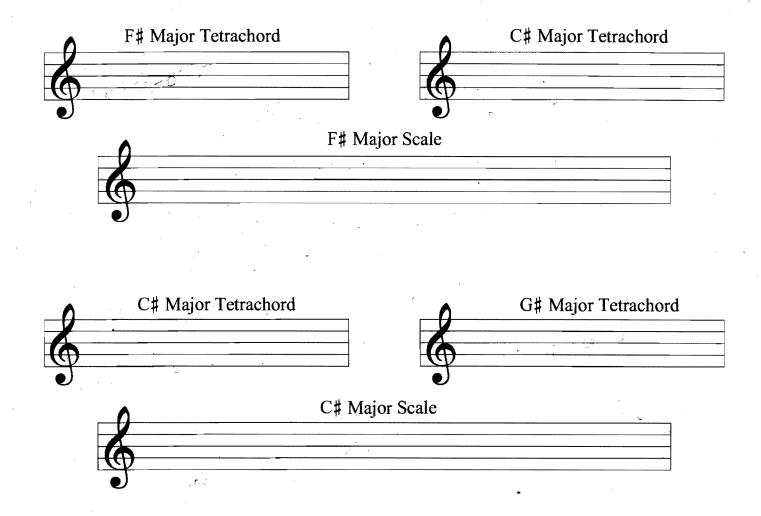
1. Draw each Major tetrachord. Then, draw the Major scale by joining the tetrachords.





G Major Scale





Study the Major scales you have drawn on pages 14 - 16 to complete the chart below.

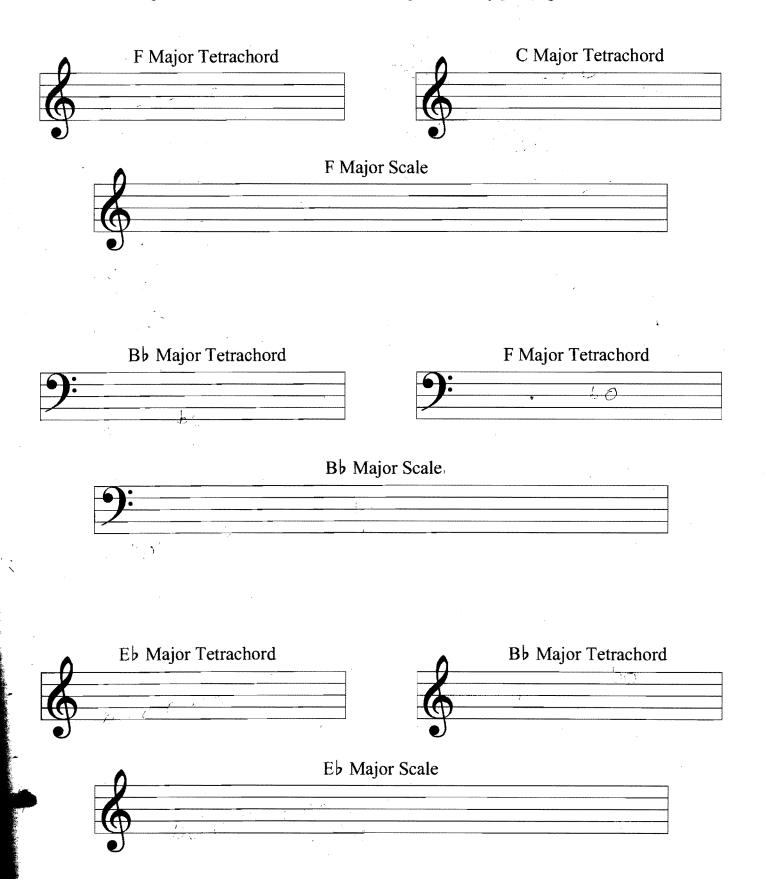
- 2. List the sharps for each Major scale.
- Notice that each new scale includes all of the sharps found in the previous scale, plus one new sharp. The new sharp is found on the seventh note of each scale.
- List the sharps in the same order each time, adding the new sharp.

Major # Scales

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#### **Drawing Major Tetrachords and Scales with Flats**

3. Draw each Major tetrachord. Then, draw the Major scale by joining the tetrachords.



| Ab Major Tetrach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | nord                                  | Eb         | Major Tetrachord |          |
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Study the Major scales you have drawn on pages 17 and 18 to complete the chart below.

- 4. List the flats for each Major scale.
- Notice that each new scale includes all of the flats found in the previous scale, plus one new flat. The new flat is found on the fourth note of each scale.
- List the flats in the same order each time, adding the new flat.

Major b Scales

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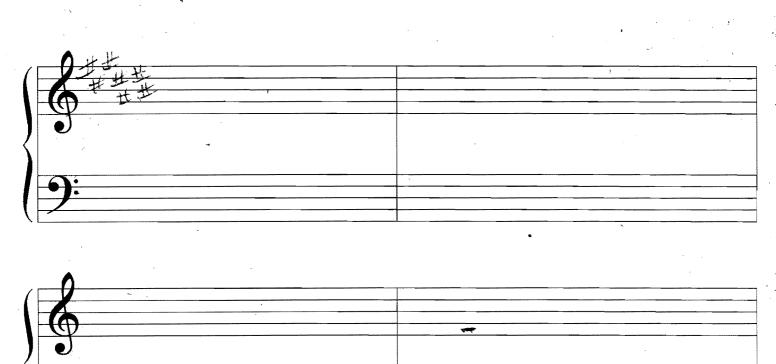
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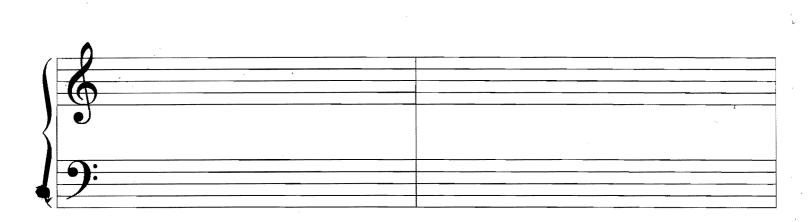
## The Order of Sharps

The sharps are always written in the same order on the staff. Memorize the order of sharps.

1. Write the order of sharps two times on each staff. Continue to write the order of sharps on a separate piece of manuscript paper until you know it well.







## **Naming Major Sharp Key Signatures**

To discover the name of a Major sharp key:

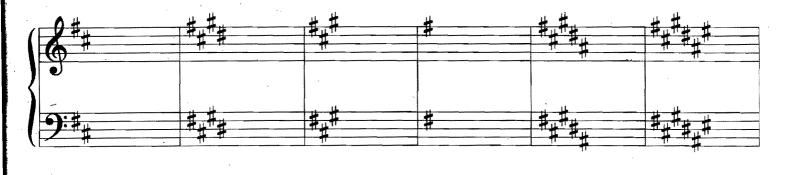
• Name the last sharp to the right in the key signature.

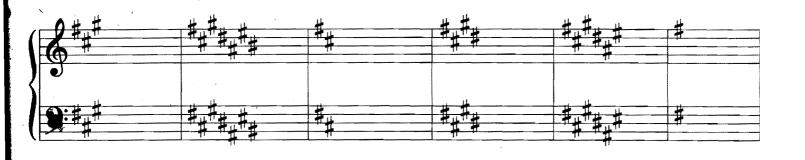


• Name the next letter up in the music alphabet (go up a half step). This is the same of the Major sharp key.



2. Write the names of these Major sharp key signatures.





## Writing Major Sharp Key Signatures

To write a Major sharp key signature:

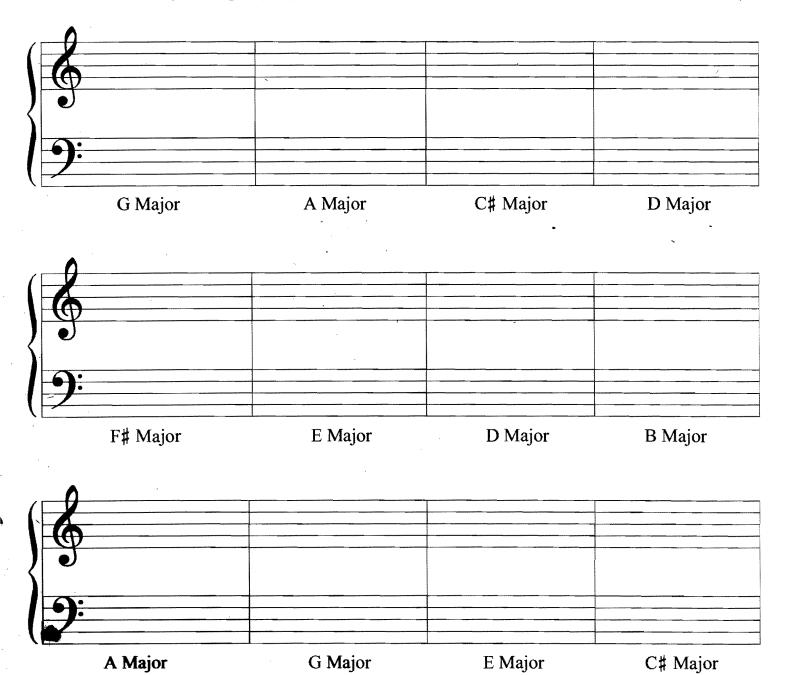
• Name the note one half step below the key note.

Example: Key of E Major

**D**# is one half step below E.

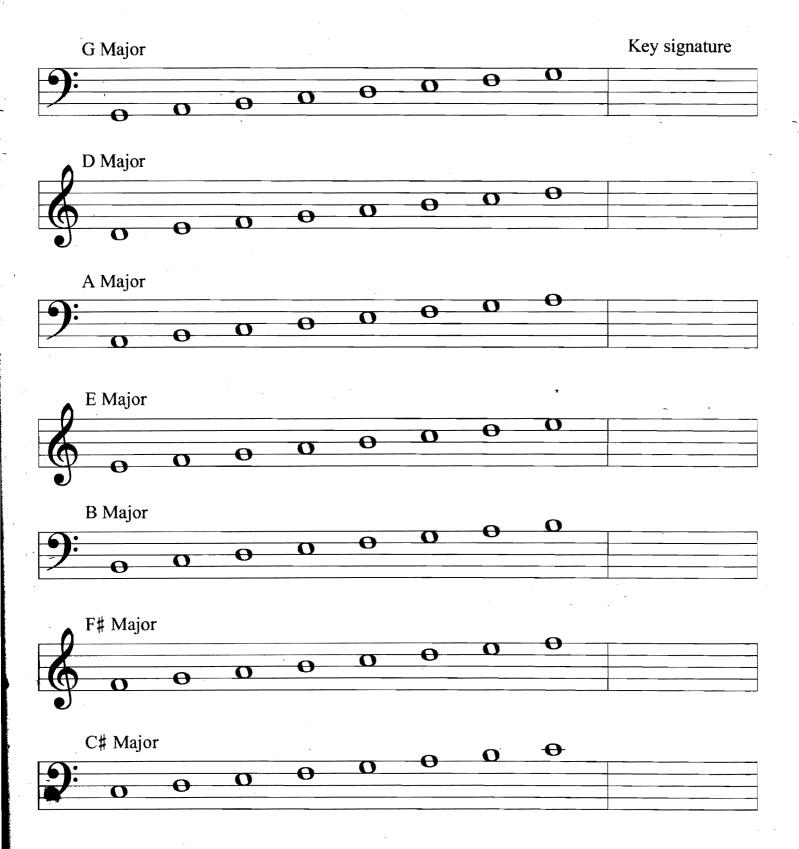


- Write the order of sharps up to and including the sharp that is one half step below the key note.
- 3. Write these Major sharp key signatures in treble and bass staff.



## Writing Major Sharp Scales and Key Signatures

4. Add the correct sharps to form these Major scales, then write the key signature.



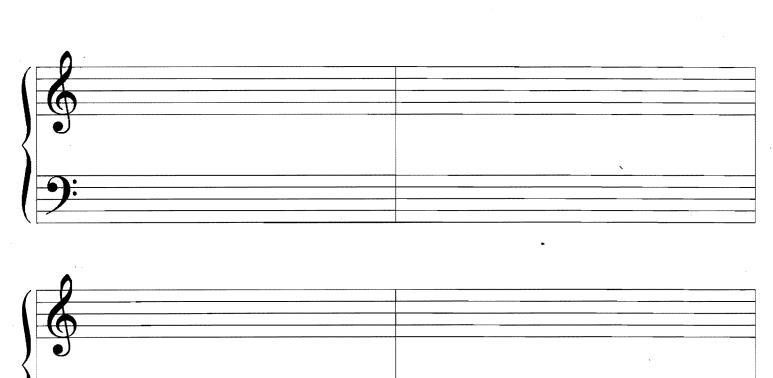
# **Major Flat Key Signatures**

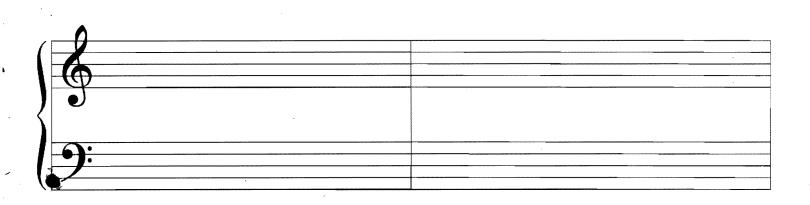
#### The Order of Flats

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5. Write the order of flats two times on each staff. Continue to write the order of flats on a separate piece of manuscript paper until you know it well.



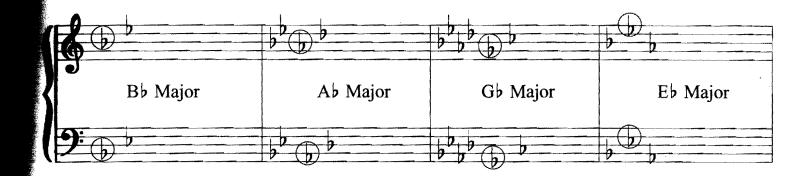




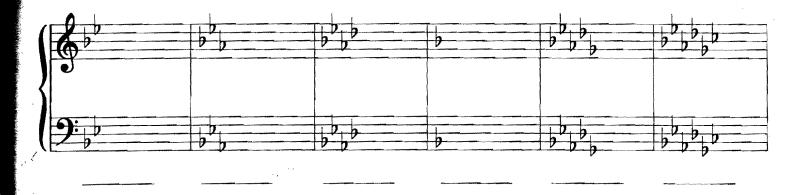
## Naming Major Flat Key Signatures

To discover the name of a Major flat key:

- Name the next to last flat in the key signature.
- The letter name of the flat is the name of the Major key. Exception: The key of F Major has one flat, Bb.



6. Write the names of these Major flat key signatures.





## Writing Major Flat Key Signatures

To write a Major flat key signature, write the order of flats up to and including the flat after the key note. (Exception: the Key of F Major only has one flat, Bb.)

Example: Key of Db Major: Bb Eb Ab Db Gb

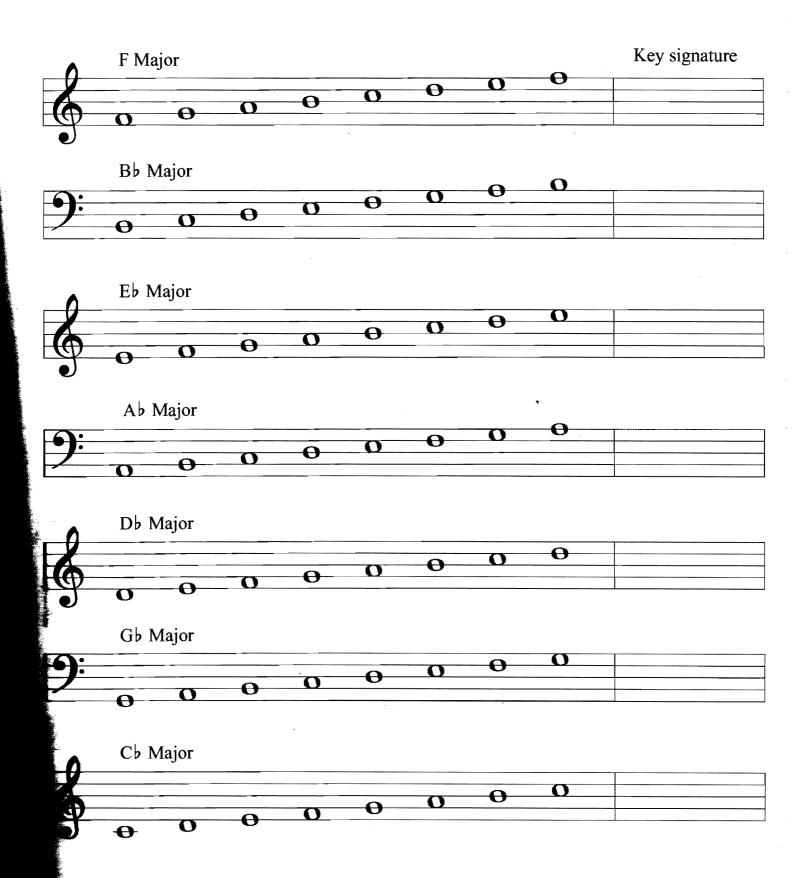


7. Write these Major flat key signatures in treble and bass staff.



## Writing Major Flat Scales and Key Signatures

8. Add the correct flats to form these Major scales, then write the key signature.



- 9. Name the Major key signature for each example.
- 10. Circle the complete Major scale found in each example.



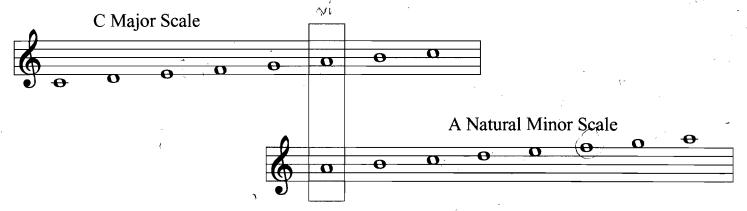
## **Minor Scales**

Every Major scale has a **relative minor** scale with the same key signature. The relative minor scale begins on the sixth note of the Major scale.

There are three forms of minor scales: natural, harmonic, melodic.

#### Natural Minor scale

The natural minor scale uses the same notes as the relative Major scale.



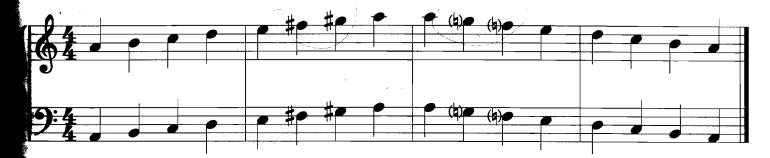
#### **Harmonic Minor Scale**

The seventh note is raised one half step.



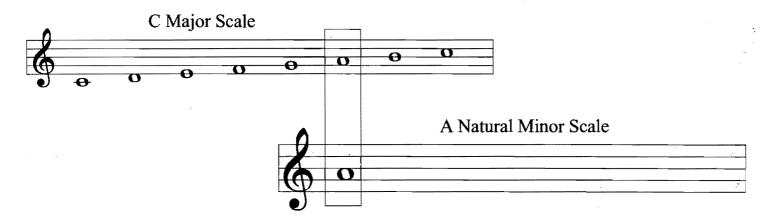
#### **Melodic Minor Scale**

The sixth and seventh notes are raised one half step going up and lowered going down. The melodic minor scale going down uses the same notes as the natural minor scale.

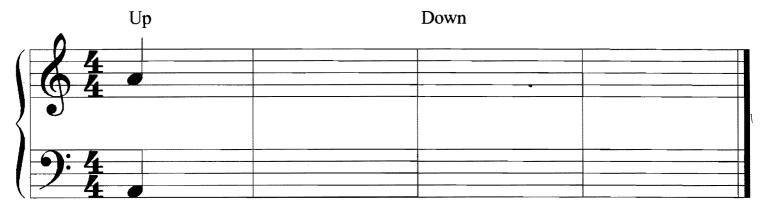


## A Minor Scale (Relative to C Major)

1. Draw the notes of the A **natural** minor scale. Use the same notes as the relative Major scale.

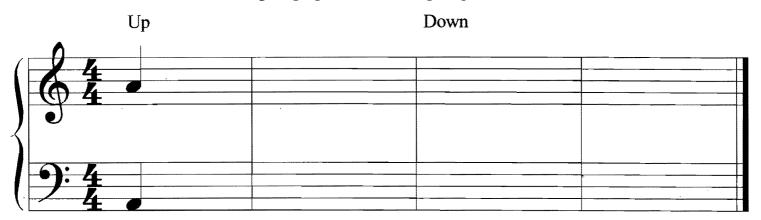


2. Draw the notes of the A **harmonic** minor scale. Raise the 7th note one half step.



3. Draw the notes of the A **melodic** minor scale.

Raise the 6th and 7th notes going up; lower them going down.

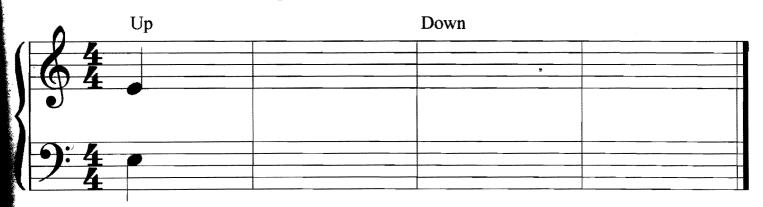


## E Minor Scale (Relative to G Major)

4. Draw the notes of the E **natural** minor scale. Use the same notes as the relative Major scale.

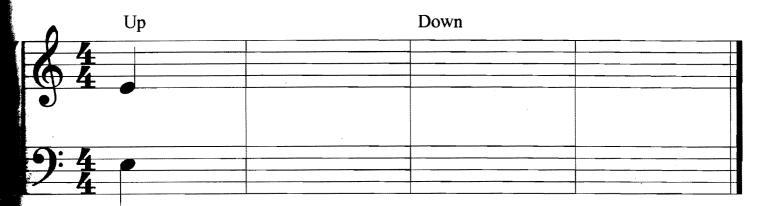


5. Draw the notes of the E **harmonic** minor scale. Raise the 7th note one half step.



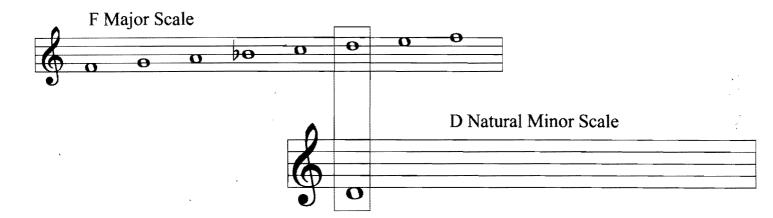
6. Draw the notes of the E **melodic** minor scale.

Raise the 6th and 7th notes going up; lower them going down.

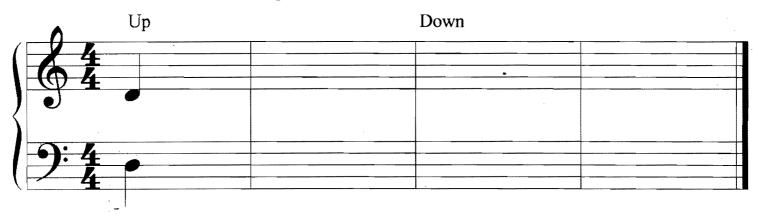


## D Minor Scale (Relative to F Major)

7. Draw the notes of the D **natural** minor scale. Use the same notes as the relative Major scale.

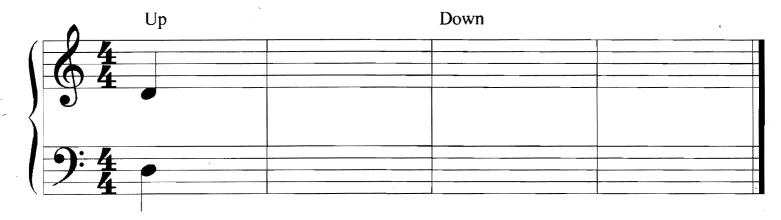


8. Draw the notes of the D **harmonic** minor scale. Raise the 7th note one half step.



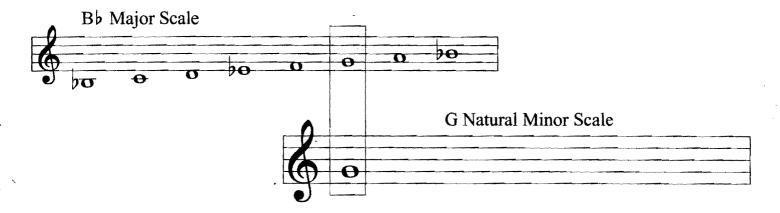
9. Draw the notes of the D **melodic** minor scale.

Raise the 6th and 7th notes going up; lower them going down.

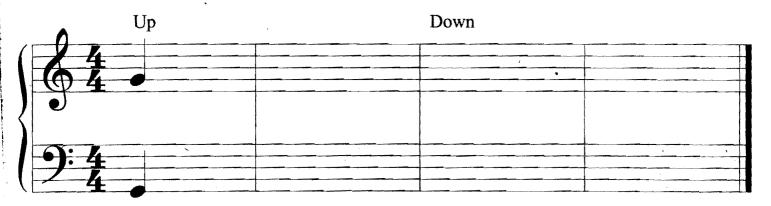


## G Minor Scale (Relative to Bb Major)

10. Draw the notes of the G natural minor scale.
Use the same notes as the relative Major scale.

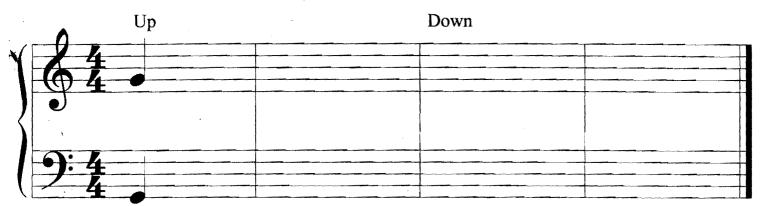


11. Draw the notes of the G harmonic minor scale. Raise the 7th note one half step.



12. Draw the notes of the G **melodic** minor scale.

Raise the 6th and 7th notes going up; lower them going down.



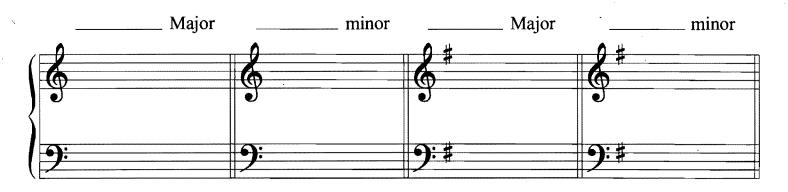
# **Minor Key Signatures**

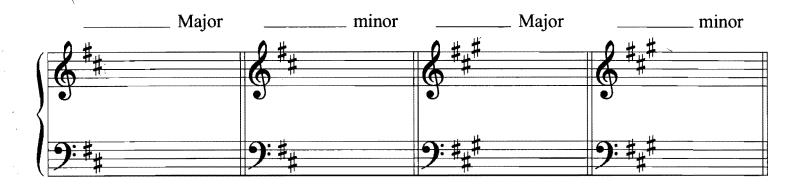
The same key signature is used for relative Major and minor keys. The minor key is found **three half steps below** the Major key.

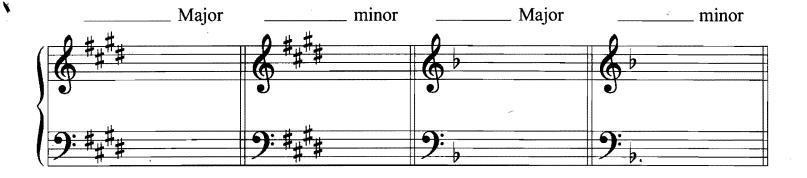


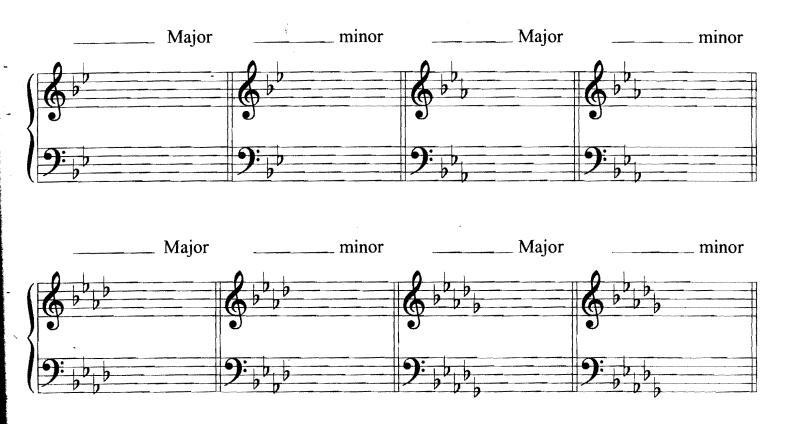
1. Write the names of these Major and minor key signatures.

Find the relative minor key by counting three half steps down from the Major key.

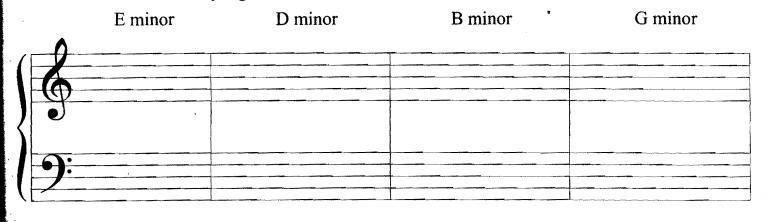


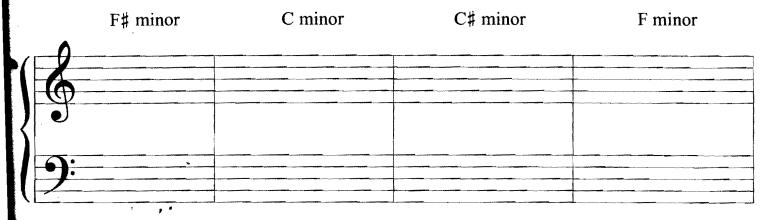






2. Write these minor key signatures.





3. Play each example and determine if it is Major or minor. Name the key signature.



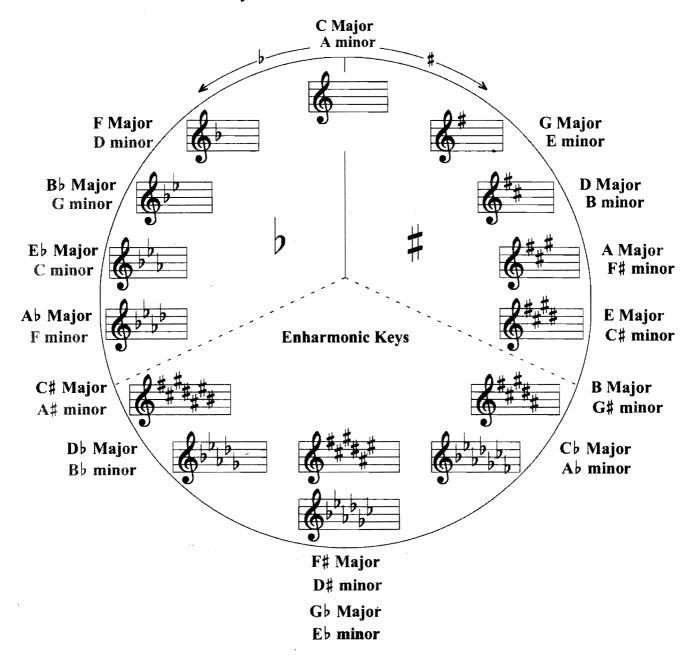
# The Circle of Keys

The circle of keys is a diagram of all Major and minor key signatures. The sharp keys are arranged from the top, moving clockwise. The flat keys are arranged from the top, moving counterclockwise.

There are fifteen Major keys: seven sharp keys, seven flat keys, and one key with no sharps or flats. Likewise, there are fifteen relative minor keys.

The keys at the bottom of the circle are called **enharmonic** keys because their tones sound the same but are named and written differently.

The circle of keys is sometimes called the **circle of fifths** because the keys are arranged an interval of a fifth apart. Notice that as you move around the circle clockwise from the top, one new sharp is added to each key. As you move around the circle counterclockwise from the top, one new flat is added to each key.



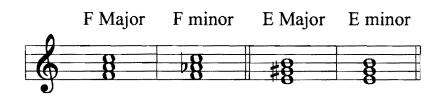
# **Major and Minor Triads**

A triad is a three note chord.

The first, third, and fifth notes of a Major scale form a Major triad. The notes of a triad are called root, 3rd, 5th. The root names the triad.



To change a Major triad into a minor triad, lower the 3rd one half step.



1. Draw these Major and minor triads.

| ^   | C Major | C minor | F Major | F minor | G Major | G minor |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|     |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| (1) |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|     |         |         |         |         |         |         |

|    | A Major | A minor | D Major | D minor | E Major | E minor |
|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
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| •  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|    |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|    |         |         |         |         |         |         |

| ٨ | Ab Major | Ab minor | Db Major | Db minor | Eb Major | Eb minor |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|   |          |          |          |          |          |          |
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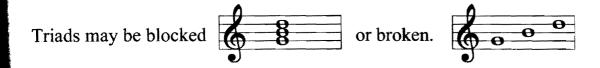
|          | F# Major | F# minor | Bb Major | Bb minor | B Major | B minor |
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2. Name these Major and minor triads.









The root, 3rd and 5th may appear in any order.

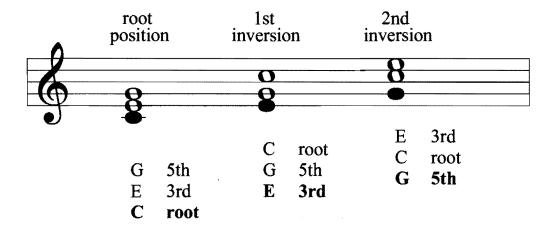
3. Name these broken Major and minor triads.





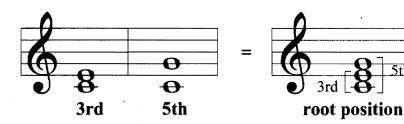
# **Triads and Inversions**

A triad is in ROOT POSITION when the **root** of the triad is the **lowest** note. An **inversion** is created when the notes of a triad are rearranged. A triad is in 1ST INVERSION when the **3rd** of the triad is the **lowest** note. A triad is in 2ND INVERSION when the **5th** of the triad is the **lowest** note.

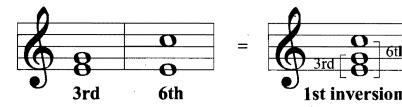


The inversion of a triad may be identified by its intervals.

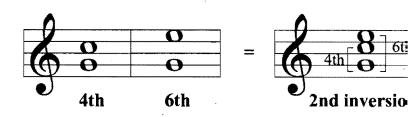
A root position triad is made of a 3rd and a 5th.



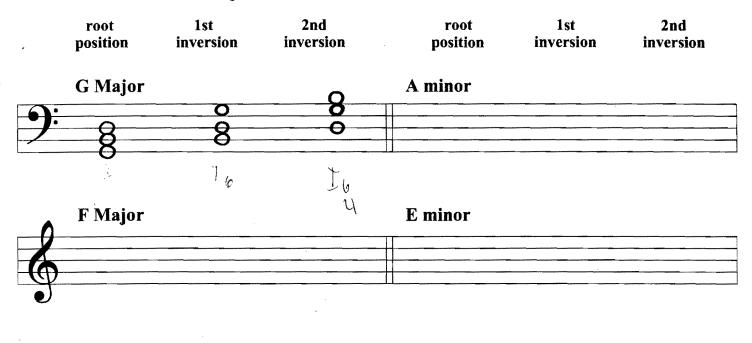
A 1st inversion triad is made of a 3rd and a 6th.

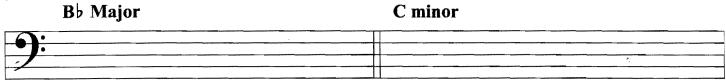


A 2nd inversion triad is made of a 4th and a 6th.



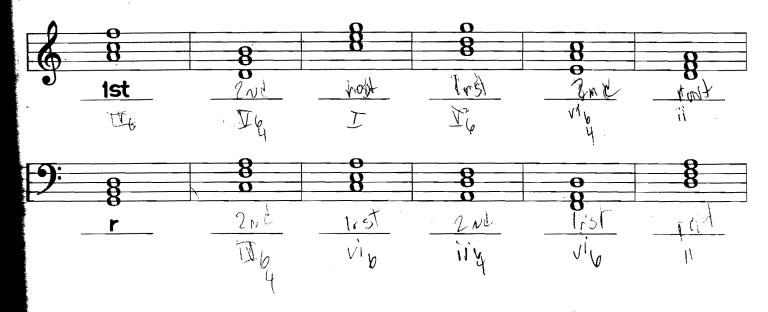
1. Draw these triads in root position, 1st inversion, and 2nd inversion.





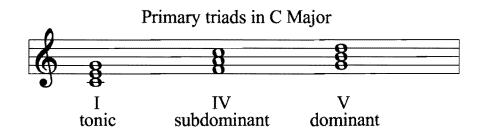


2. Label these triads r (root position), 1st (1st inversion), or 2nd (2nd inversion).

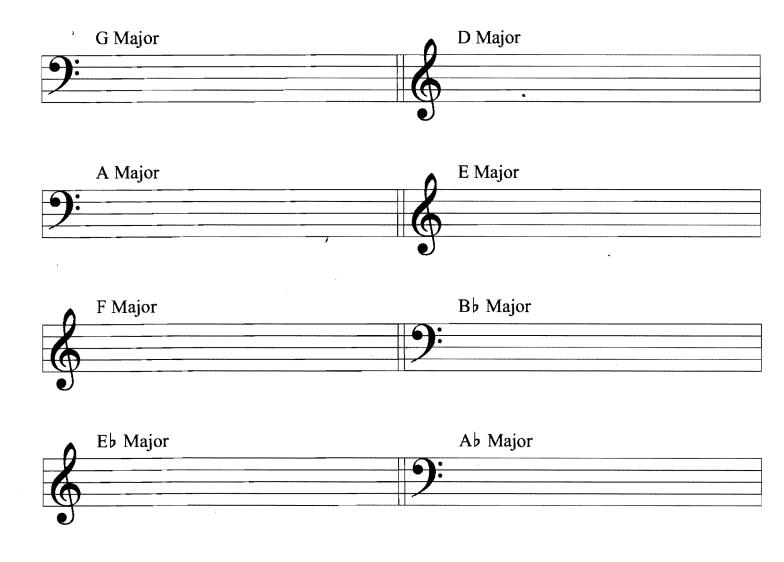


# Unit 11 Primary Triads

Triads built on the first, fourth, and fifth notes of a scale are called **primary triads**. Primary triads are labeled with Roman numerals: I, IV, V. Each triad has a name: I = tonic, IV = subdominant, V = dominant. In a Major key, the primary triads are Major triads.



1. Draw the primary triads for these keys. Label the triads with I, IV, and V.



# **Primary Triads and Inversions**

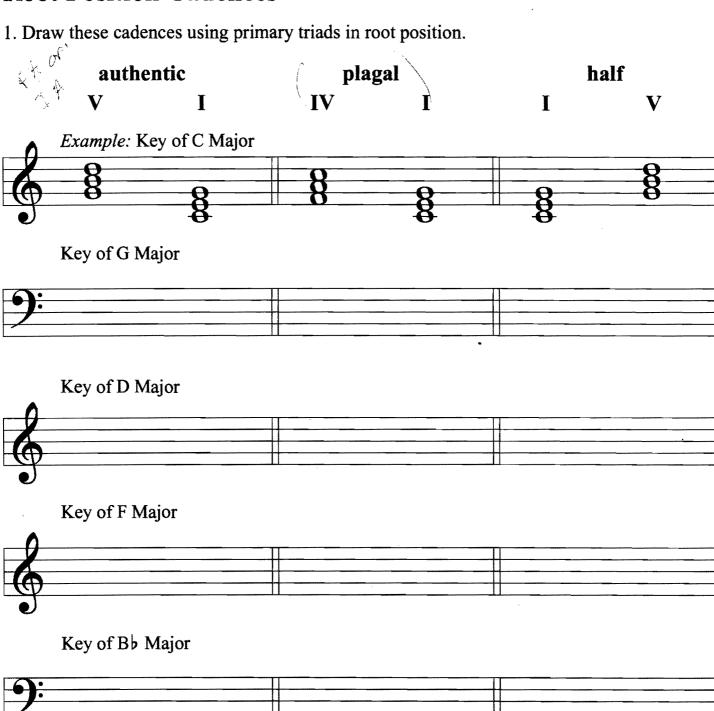
2. Draw primary triads in root position, 1st inversion, and 2nd inversion.



### **Cadences**

A cadence is the combination of chords used at the end of a phrase, section, or piece of music. Three types of cadences use primary triads: V - I, IV - I, I - V. Each cadence has a name: authentic (V - I), plagal (IV - I), half \*(I - V).

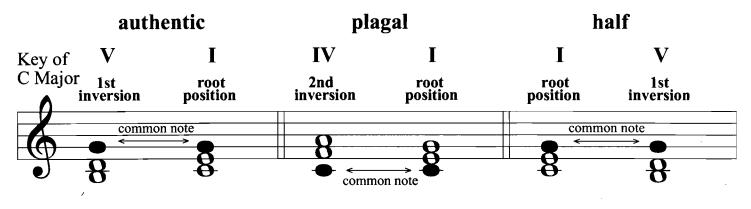
#### **Root Position Cadences**



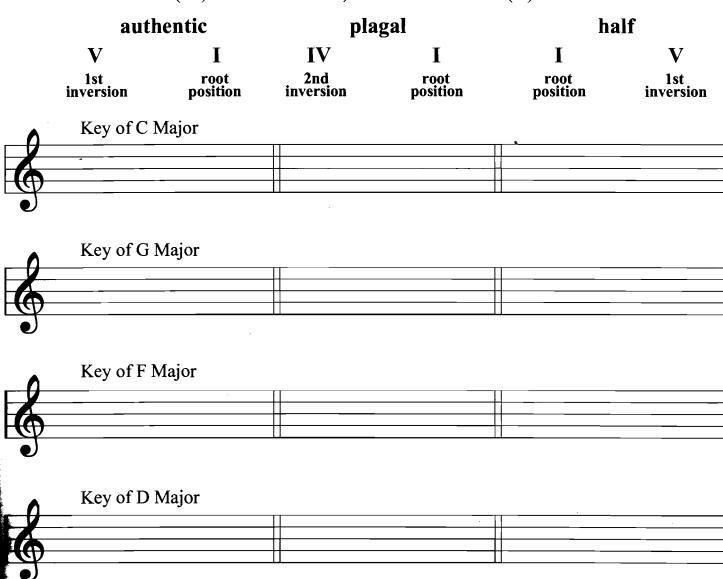
<sup>\*</sup>A half cadence is any cadence which ends on the dominant. Another example of half cadence is IV - V.

#### **Common Note Cadences**

Cadences are often written with the subdominant (IV) and dominant (V) triads inverted, creating a **common note** with the tonic (I) triad.



2. Draw these common note cadences with the tonic triad (I) in root position, subdominant triad (IV) in 2nd inversion, and dominant triad (V) in 1st inversion.



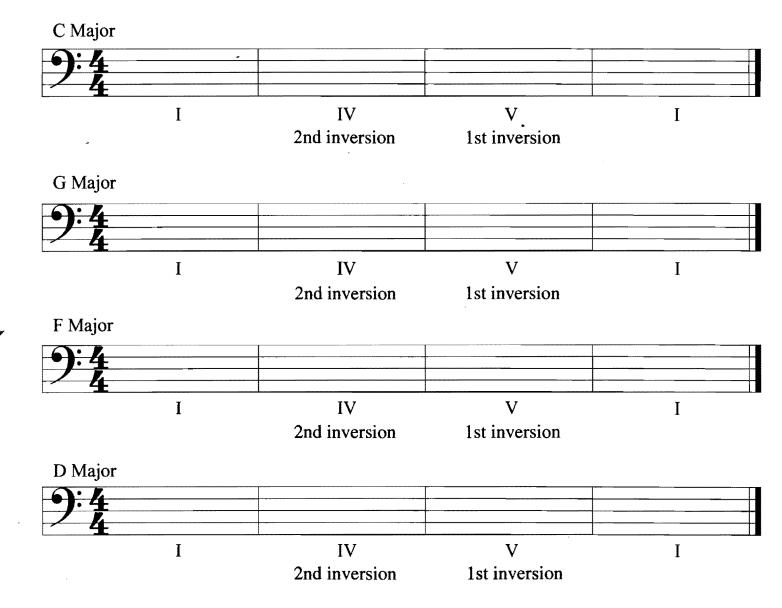
# Unit 13 Primary Chord Progression

A chord progression is a series of chords. A primary chord progression uses only primary chords (I, IV, V).

Primary Chord Progression in C Major

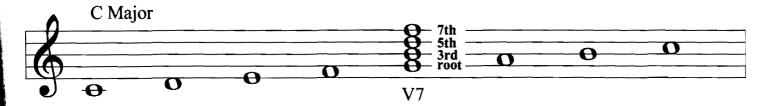


1. Draw primary chord progressions in these keys.

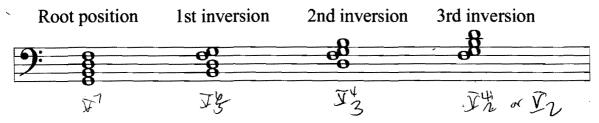


#### The V7 Chord

The **V7 chord** is often used in cadences and chord progressions. The V7 chord is a four note chord built on the fifth note of a scale.



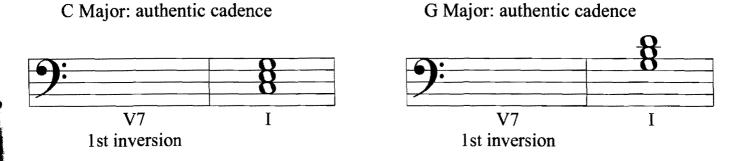
The V7 chord has three inversions.



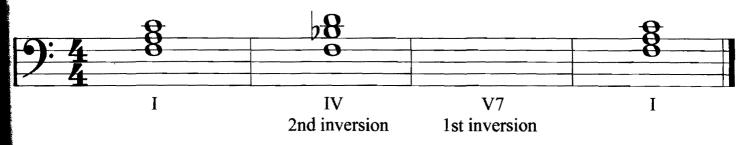
Cadences and chord progressions which use the V7 chord are easier to play when the V7 chord is in 1st inversion with the 5th omitted.



2. Draw V7 chords to complete the authentic cadences and primary chord progression.

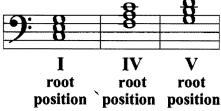


F Major: primary chord progression



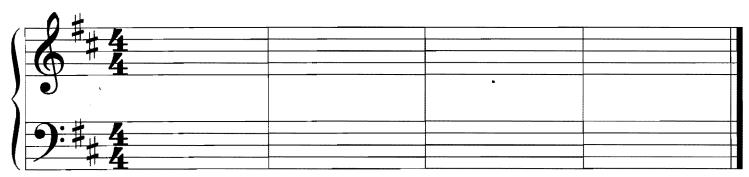
# Harmonizing and Transposing

1. Harmonize this melody with primary triads in root position:

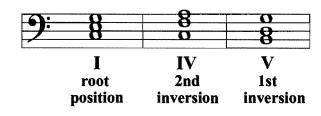


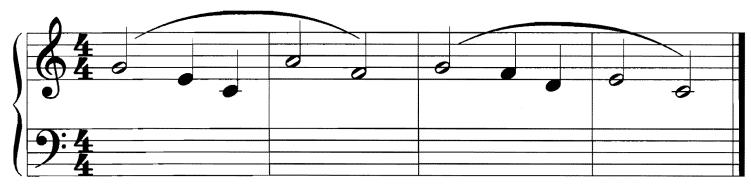


2. Transpose to D Major.

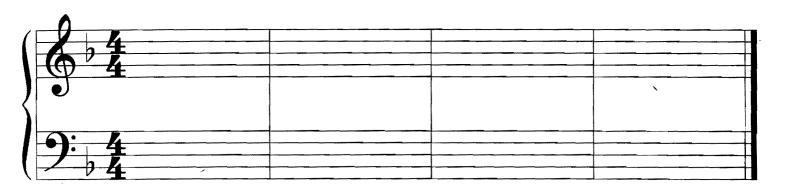


3. Harmonize this melody with a primary chord progression.

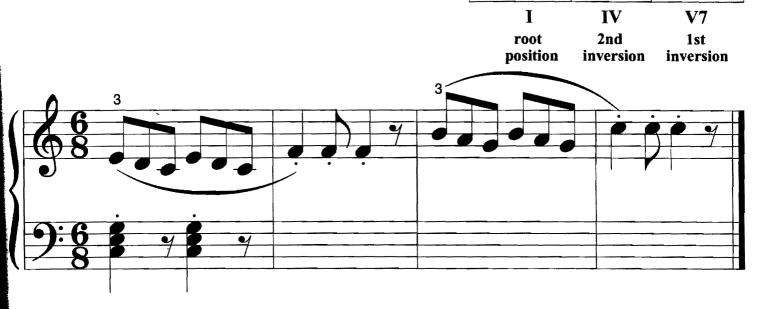




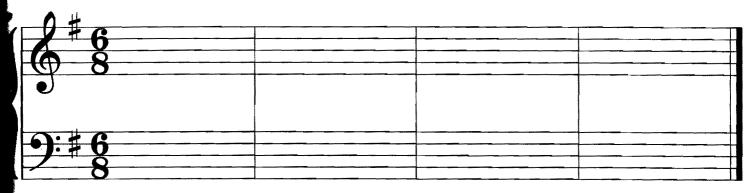
4. Transpose to F Major.



5. Harmonize this melody with a primary chord progression.



6. Transpose to G Major.



# Signs and Terms

# **Dynamics**

Dynamic signs tell how loud or soft to play.

| TERM               | SIGN             | MEANING            |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| pianississimo      | ppp              | very, very soft    |
| pianissimo         | pp               | very soft          |
| piano              | $\boldsymbol{p}$ | soft               |
| mezzo piano        | mp               | medium soft        |
| mezzo forte        | mf               | medium loud        |
| forte              | $\boldsymbol{f}$ | loud               |
| fortissimo         | $f\!\!f$         | very loud          |
| fortississimo      | <i>fff</i>       | very, very loud    |
| crescendo (cresc.) |                  | . gradually louder |
| diminuendo (dim.)  |                  | gradually softer   |

### Articulation

Articulation signs tell how to touch and release the keys.

| TERM      | SIGN                       | MEANING                          |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| accent    |                            | strong emphasis                  |
| legato    | >                          | smooth, connected                |
| sforzando | <b>sf</b> or <b>sf</b> $z$ | sudden strong accent             |
| staccato  |                            | short, detached                  |
| tenuto    | Ē                          | hold full value; slight emphasis |

# Tempo

Tempo marks tell how fast or slow to play.

| TERM                  | MEANING                             |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| allegro               | fast (also means cheerful, happy)   |
| allegretto            | somewhat fast (slower than allegro) |
| andante               | walking tempo (flowing)             |
| andantino             | slightly faster than andante        |
| con brio              | with spirit                         |
| con moto              | with motion                         |
| lento                 | slow                                |
| moderato              | moderately                          |
| vivace                | lively, quick                       |
| vivo                  | lively                              |
| lento moderato vivace | slow moderately lively, quick       |

## **Changing Tempo**

| a tempo           | return to the original tempo |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| ritardando (rit.) | gradually slower             |

# **Character or Style**

These words help establish feeling, mood, or performance style.

| TERM       | MEANING             |
|------------|---------------------|
| cantabile  | in a singing manner |
| dolce      | gently, sweetly     |
| espressivo | expressively        |
| giocoso    | humorous            |
| scherzando | playful             |

#### D. C. al Fine

D. C. al fine means to play from the beginning to the fine (end).

D. C. is the abbreviation for Da capo, which means from the head.

In music, D. C. means to play again from the beginning. Fine means end.

#### Fermata Sign

Fermata means to hold a note longer than its time value.

# Grace Note

A grace note is printed in small type. It is not counted in the rhythm; it is played quickly, almost together with the next note.

### Slur

A slur is a curved line over or under two or more notes that are to be played *legato*. Legato means to play smooth, connected.



A **tie** is a curved line that connects notes on the same line or space. Play only the first note and hold it for the value of the both notes.

#### Octave Sign 8va\_\_\_\_\_

When the octave sign is placed **over** notes, play them one octave (eight notes) **higher** than written. When the octave sign is placed **under** notes, play them one octave **lower** than written.

#### Pedal Sign \_\_\_\_\_

The pedal sign shows when to press and lift the damper (right) pedal.

#### **Repeat Signs**

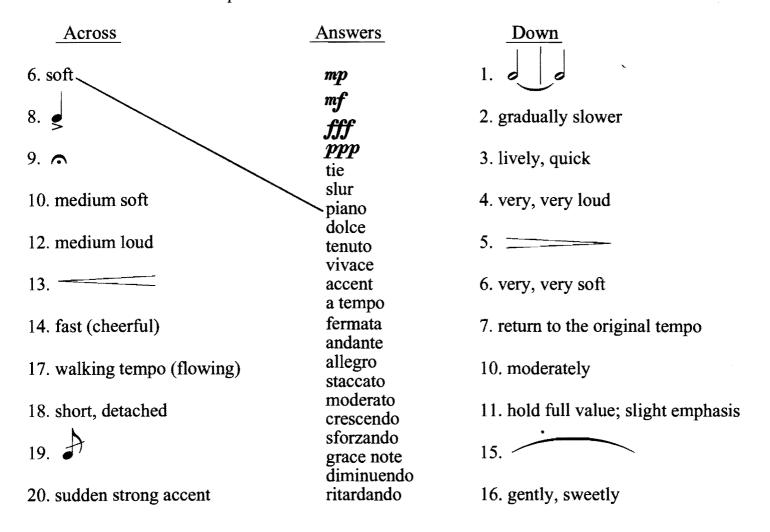
1. Repeat from the beginning.

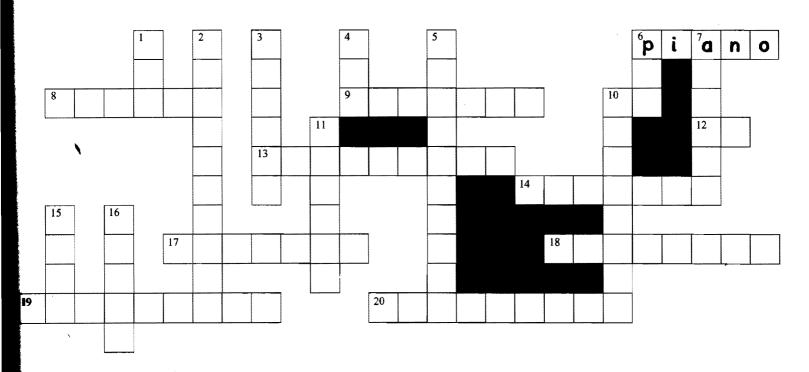
2. : Repeat between the pairs of dots and double bar lines.

Play the **first ending** and repeat from the beginning; then skip the first ending and play the **second ending**.

# **Matching and Crossword Puzzle**

Draw a line to match each item with the correct answer, then fill in the crossword puzzle below

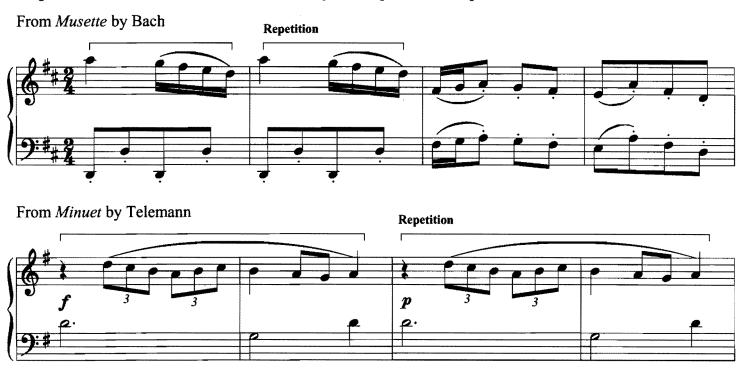




# Unit 16 Form in Music

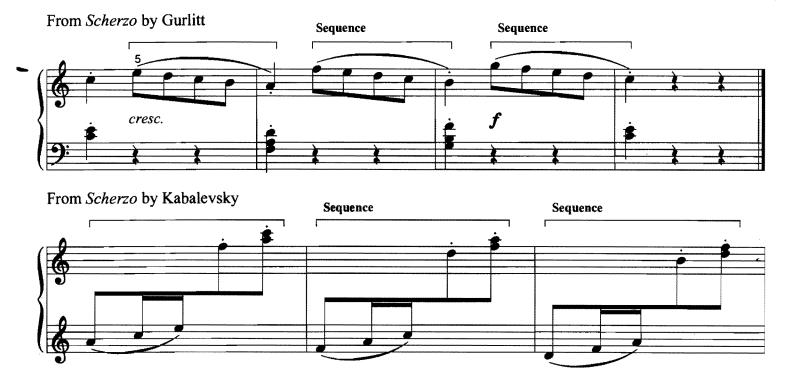
### Repetition

Repetition occurs when a melodic or rhythmic pattern is repeated.



### **Sequence**

A **sequence** occurs when a melodic pattern is repeated at a higher or lower pitch, usually a 2nd or 3rd above or below the original pattern.



### **Binary Form**

Music in binary form has two sections: section **A** and section **B**. Each section is usually repeated. The **A** section often ends on the *dominant* note, and the **B** section ends on the *tonic*.



### **Ternary Form**

Music written in **ternary form** has three sections: section **A**, section **B**, and a repeat of section **A**. The two sections are often contrasting in character or style.



# The Four Periods of Music History

The history of music writing is generally divided into four basic periods. Each period has certain styles which make it unique. The four periods are:

#### 1. The Baroque Period (1600 - 1750)

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Minuet

Écossaise

Keyboard music of the Baroque period was often written with each hand playing its own melody or "voice". This style of writing is called *polyphonic*. A typical Baroque melody often consists of a short pattern called a *motive* which is repeated throughout the piece. Baroque keyboard pieces were usually written in *binary* form. Music written in binary form has two sections: section A and section B. Composers during the Baroque period frequently wrote pieces with dance titles. One of the most popular dances was the *minuet*. Other dance pieces were the *gavotte*, *polonaise*, *allemande* and *gigue*. The piano was not yet invented during the Baroque period. Composers wrote for keyboard instruments such as the *harpsichord* and *clavichord*. The clavichord has a small, delicate sound and was used mainly in small rooms where it could be easily heard. The harpsichord has a bigger sound and was the favored keyboard instrument during the Baroque period.

Important Baroque composers: Johann Sebastian Bach (Germany, 1685-1750)

Georg Philipp Telemann (Germany, 1681-1767)

Jean Philippe Rameau (France, 1683-1764)

Domenico Scarlatti (b. Italy 1685-d. Spain 1757)

George Frideric Handel (b. Germany 1685-d. England 1759)

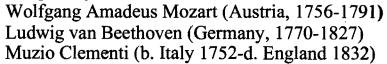


This is an example of *polyphonic* music music with two melodies or "voices".

#### 2. The Classical Period (1750 - 1825)

Piano music of the Classical period was often written with the right hand playing a melody and the left hand playing an accompaniment. This style of writing is called homophonic. Typical classical music was written in balanced phrase groupings of two, four, or eight measures Classical piano pieces were usually written in ternary form. Music written in ternary form has three sections: section A, section B, and a repeat of section A. Although many composers still wrote minuets during the Classical period, a new type of piece called sonatina became very popular. Other popular piano pieces were the écossaise, bagatelle, German dance, and ronder Pianos during the Classical period were called fortepianos. Fortepianos were considered a great improvement over the harpsichord because of their increased dynamic range. Fortepianos have a softer sound and lighter touch than modern pianos.

Important Classical composers: Joseph Haydn (Austria, 1732-1809)





This is an example of *homophonic* melody with accompaniment.

#### 3. The Romantic Period (1825 - 1900)

Piano music of the Romantic period was often written with long, beautiful melodies and complicated accompaniments that rely on the use of the pedal for legato. Composers wrote especially for the sound of the piano and were eager to explore its possibilities. Romantic piano pieces frequently have descriptive titles and are called *character pieces*. The *waltz* became a popular dance which replaced the *minuet*. The use of national folk music also became popular with composers in the Romantic era. Pianos in the Romantic period developed into a larger instrument with a bigger and more resonant sound than the pianos of the Classical period. Composers were inspired by the changes in the instrument and began to write music which highlighted the expressive range of the piano. The piano gained great popularity during the 19th century, and piano lessons were considered an important part of a good education.

Important Romantic composers: Franz Schubert (Austria, 1797-1828)

Robert Schumann (Germany, 1810-1856)

Frédéric Chopin (b. Poland 1810-d. France 1849)

Friedrich Burgmüller (b. Germany 1806-France 1874)

Edvard Grieg (Norway, 1843-1907)

The Wild Horseman by Robert Schumann



This is an example of a *character piece*: music with a descriptive title.

#### 4. The 20th Century (1900 - 2000)

Piano music of the 20th Century is written in many different styles. 20th century piano pieces are frequently written in forms made popular in previous eras. However, 20th century composers typically experimented with unusual harmonies, scales and rhythms to give their music a distinctly different sound than music of earlier periods. In the first half of the 20th century, some important new musical styles were *impressionism*, atonal music, and jazz. In the second half of the 20th century, electronic keyboards and synthesizers became an important part of creating new musical sounds. Also unique to the 20th century was the invention of sound recordings. The piano remained one of the most popular of all instruments, and more people took piano lessons than ever before in history. Pianos became even larger with a louder, more brilliant sound.

Important 20th Century composers: Béla Bartók (b. Hungary 1881-d. New York 1945)

Dmitri Kabalevsky (Russia, 1904-1987)

Dmitri Shostakovich (Russia, 1906-1975)

Aaron Copland (America 1900-1990)

Sergei Prokofiev (Russia, 1891-1953)

Song

by Dmitri Kabalevsky



This piece shows the use of some unusual harmonies.

# **Sight Reading**

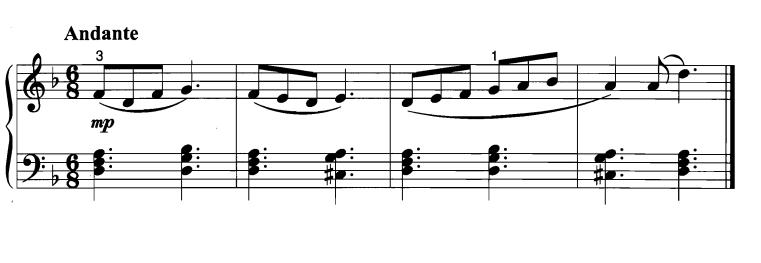
The best way to become a good sight reader is to read new music every day.

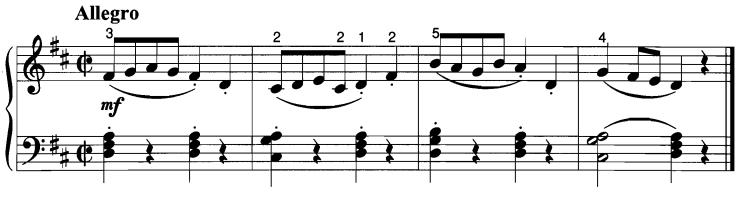
- 1. Before you sight read, look through the entire piece and observe:
  - the key signature
  - the time signature
  - the clef signs
  - dynamics
  - accidentals
  - slurs, ties, staccatos, accents, etc.
  - rhythmic and melodic patterns
- 2. Find the first note and finger number for each hand.
- 3. Play slowly.
  - Use a metronome to keep a steady beat.
  - Count one measure aloud before you begin to play.
  - Continue to count aloud as you play.
- 4. Keep your eyes on the music.
  - Avoid looking up and down from the music to your hands.
  - Look ahead to see what is next.
- 5. Keep going, even if you make some mistakes:
  - Avoid going back to fix anything.



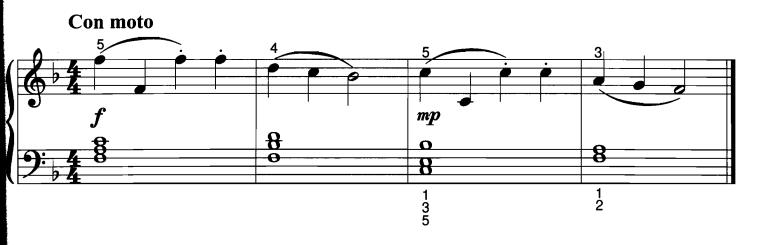
#### After you sight read:

- 1. Evaluate your playing
  - Were the notes and rhythm correct?
  - Were the dynamics and articulation markings clear and distinct?
  - Did the music continue to move forward as you maintained a steady beat?
- 2. Sight read the music again.
  - Concentrate on correcting any previous mistakes.
  - Set a goal for a perfect performance by the third reading.









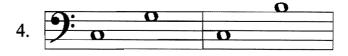
# Ear Training

Listen as your teacher plays one interval from each pair. Circle the one you hear.

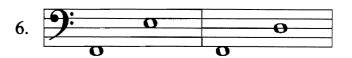




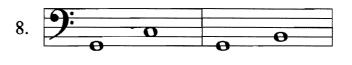




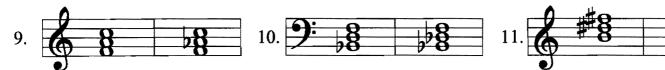








Listen as your teacher plays a Major or minor triad. Circle the one you hear.













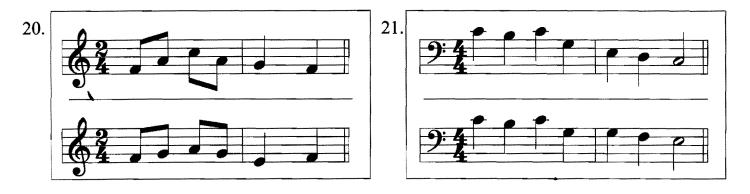




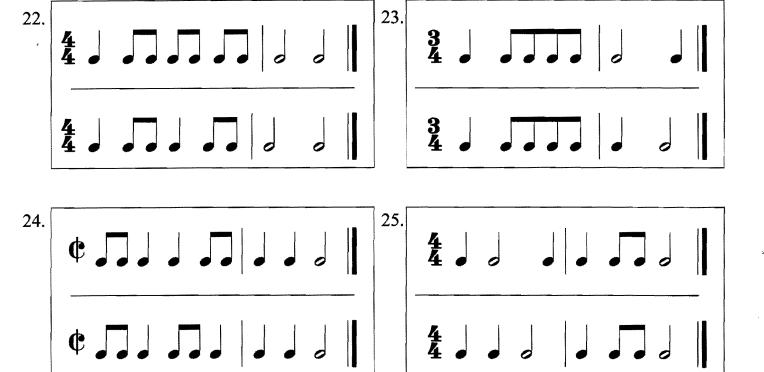
Circle the broken chord pattern that you hear.



Listen as your teacher plays one melody from each pair. Circle the one you hear.

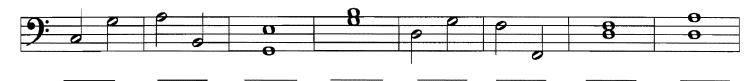


Listen as your teacher taps one rhythm from each pair. Circle the one you hear.

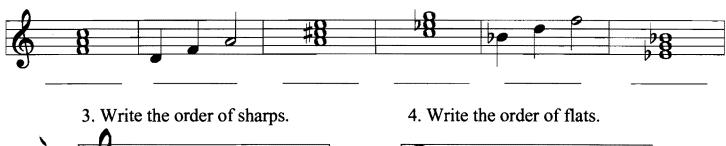


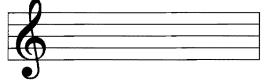
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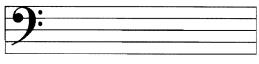
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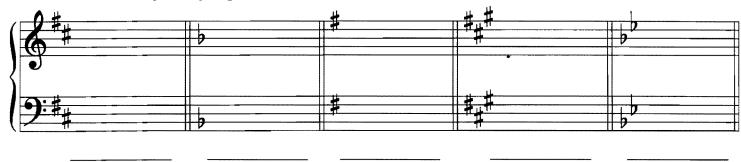
2. Name these Major and minor triads.



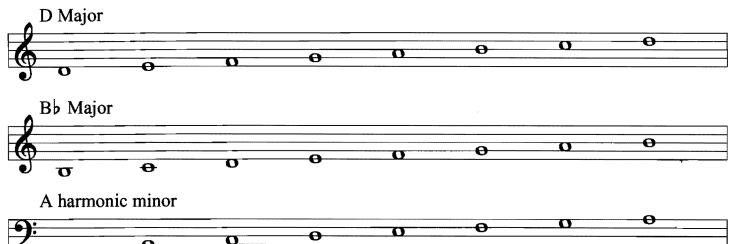




5. Name these Major key signatures.



6. Add the correct sharps (#) or flats (b) to form these scales.



| 7. Label these primary tr                         | riads with Roman numera                         | als.      |                   |            |
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| <b>6</b> *#                                       | 8 8                                             |           |                   |            |
| 8. Write the Roman num                            | meral for these triad name                      | <br>es.   |                   |            |
| Tonic =                                           | Subdominant                                     | =         | Dominant =        |            |
| 9. Label these cadences v<br>Name each cadence: a | with Roman numerals. uthentic, plagal, or half. |           |                   |            |
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| 12. Write the meaning of                          | of each term.                                   |           |                   |            |
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| crescendo                                         |                                                 | legato    |                   |            |

sforzando

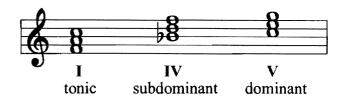
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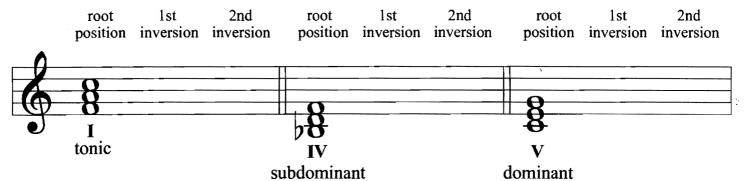


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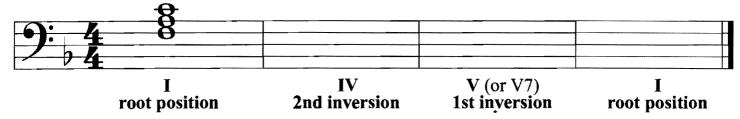
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14\_Draw the primary triads in F Major in 1st inversion and 2nd inversion.



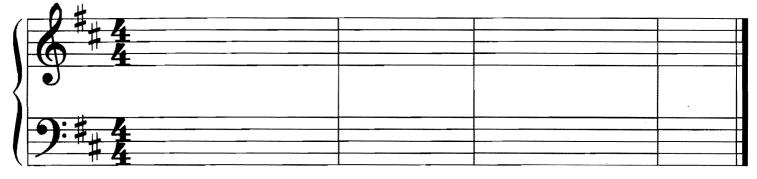
15. Draw this primary chord progression in F Major.



16. Harmonize this melody with a primary chord progression.



17. Transpose to D Major.



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