## Whole Steps and Half Steps

Name the following as whole steps or half steps:

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What note is a half step lower than C? $\qquad$
What note is a whole step higher than D ? $\qquad$
What note is a half step higher than E ? $\qquad$
What note is a whole step lower than F? $\qquad$
Mark the whole steps in this melody with a rectangle and mark the half steps with a circle:
(the first measure has been done for you)


Mark the half steps in this scale:


Mark the whole steps in this scale:


## Dotted Notes

A dot, placed to the right hand side of a note or rest increases its value by half of itself
$\delta=2$ Quarter Note beats $\mathcal{O}^{0}=2$ Quarter Note beats +1 (for the dot) $=3$ Quarter Note beats
$\boldsymbol{O}=4$ Quarter Note beats $\mathbf{O}^{\bullet}=4$ Quarter Note beats +2 (for the dot) $=6$ Quarter Note beats


Draw these notes in order from shortest to longest:

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Match each note with its corresponding rest:


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## Slurs and Ties

A slur is a curved line placed over two or more notes of different pitch, indicating they are to be played smoothly and well connected.


A tie is a curved line placed between two notes of the same pitch, indicating that the length of the two notes is joined together.


Circle the slurs in this melody:


Circle the ties in this melody:


Draw two slurs and one tie in appropriate places in this melody:


Mark the Half Steps with slurs in these scales


## The Scale

A scale is a pattern of notes that ascends or descends step by step
to the same note an octave higher.


Each type of scale (major, minor etc) has a pattern of whole steps and half steps which is always the same.

## The Major Scale

The major scale has a pattern of whole steps and half steps like this:
whole step - whole step - half step - whole step - whole step - whole step - half step
(W-W-H-W-W-W-H)
This pattern is the same, no matter what note the scale starts and ends on.


Another way to remember it is that the half steps come between the 3rd \& 4th and 7th \& 8th degrees of the scale.

Write W for whole step and H for half step under all the notes in these scales, then identify which one isn't a major scale:

Major Scale?


Y/N



Y/N

## The C Major Scale

## Music Notation Tip <br> How to write scales correctly

Spread the notes out over the space - start with the first and last notes, so that you don't end up with all the notes bunched up:


Always remember to write the clef:

and finish with a double barline:


Mark the half steps in this scale of $C$ major with a bracket like this: $\square$


Write the scale of C major in the treble clef:
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Write the scale of C major in the bass clef:
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## Legato and Staccato

Legato means smoothly, well connected, and most notes are usually assumed to be played legato unless instructed otherwise. Sometimes legato is indicated with a slur placed over the phrase or between individual notes.


Staccato means detached and short, and it is indicated with a dot placed on top or underneath the head of the note.


Add indications in measure 4 that all notes are to be played short and detached
What does the word above measure one mean? $\qquad$
What does the word below measure seven mean? $\qquad$
What do the words "a tempo" below measure nine mean? $\qquad$
The notes in measure 5 are said to be on what sort of lines? $\qquad$
What is the symbol below the note in measure 8, and what does it mean? $\qquad$
Should the notes in 14 be played legato or staccato? $\qquad$
In 15 how many notes should be played staccato? $\qquad$ and how many legato? $\qquad$

## lesson 8: Crossword

ACROSS
4 $\qquad$ lines are used for notes above or below the staff or stave 7 $\qquad$ staff is used by piano players 9 Another name for a Tone 11 Music is divided by these 14 Another name for Whole Step

DOWN
1 'Andante' means 'At an easy $\qquad$ pace'

2 Sharps or flats placed anywhere in a piece of music

3 Another name for Semitone
5 Another name for Half Step
6 A symbol to raise a note by one semitone
8 Indications of how loud music is played
10 Italian term meaning lively and fast
12 A curved line placed over different pitched notes to indicate that notes are played smoothly together

13 A curved line which joins the length of two notes together

lesson 9: Find-A-Word

| Violin | T | U | B | A | Z | F | X | I | P | B | P | M | I | C | D | R | V |
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| Cello | R | F | B | N | W | L | L | G | P | T | B | P | K | T | R | Q | 0 |
| DoubleBass | 0 | W | G | Y | A | P | M | F | D | E | 0 | F | X | T | U | Q | L |
| Trumpet | 0 |  | G |  | A | P | M | F | D | E | 0 | F | X | I | v | Q | L |
| Trombone | H | R | Q | E | W | P | L | L | A | N | E | U | 0 | H | M | M | A |
| Horn | C | N | X | D | L | F | M | R | D | A | T | F | P | G | P | N | T |
| Tuba | I | D | 0 | 0 | 0 | S | M | I | K | T | E | I | I | L | E | J | C |
| Harpsichord | S | I | L | U | E | I | E | V | T | S | N | Z | C | 0 | T | W | K |
| Dulcimer | P | C | A | B | N | A | B | Q | D | A | I | P | C | C | D | M | U |
| Clarinet | R | Y | S | L | 0 | L | I | A | U | C | R | V | 0 | K | W | U | T |
| Oboe | A | M | Q | E | B | G | J | C | L | N | A | T | L | E | M | A | K |
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| Marimba | D | A | D | A | 0 | A | L | N | I | R | C | E | 0 | S | A | M | C |
| Glockenspiel | F | L | L | S | R | R | Q | S | M | B | G | L | Z | P | A | I | D |
| Castanets | V | S | D | S | T | 0 | R | R | E | K | S | L | R | I | V | R | P |
| Timpani | B | M | H | R | D | C | M | B | R | I | C | 0 | Y | E | P | A | J |
| Cymbals | H | 0 | R | N | H | 0 | U | N | I | L | 0 | I | V | L | I | M | H |

## Key Signatures

A key signature has one or more flats or sharps placed to the right of the clef to let us know what key the piece is in. It means that those notes are played as sharps or flats.

For example:

means that all Fs are played as F sharps in this piece.

means that all Bs are played as B flats in this piece.

One sharp is used for the key of G major
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Practise drawing the key signature of G major in the treble and bass:


One flat is used for the key of F major


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Practise drawing the key signature of F major in the treble and bass:


Draw the key signature of D major in the treble and bass:


## The G Major Scale

Draw the key signature of G major in the treble and bass:


Write the scale of G major in the treble clef then mark the half steps with a bracket like $\square$ :
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Write the scale of G major in the bass clef then mark the half steps:

## Ascending or Descending Scales

Scales can be written ascending or descending. The half steps are still between the 3rd and 4th and 7th and 8th degrees, counting from the bottom

G major scale ascending
G major scale descending


Write the scale of G major in the treble clef, one octave descending, then mark the half steps:
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Write the scale of G major in the bass clef, one octave descending, then mark the half steps:
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## The F Major Scale

Draw the key signature of F major in the treble and bass:


Write the scale of F major in the treble clef, one octave ascending, then mark the half steps:

Write the scale of F major in the bass clef, one octave descending, then mark the half steps:


Identify these major scales:


Completing Measures with Rests

When asked to complete measures with rests it is important to show where the beats are
Therefore always remember:
complete one beat before moving onto the next


First you would complete the first beat with a eighth rest, then finish it with a quarter rest and a half rest.

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Complete these measures with rests:


Adding Barlines

Add barlines to these rhythms:


## Ostinato



It can be any length, and can be for any instrument. Sometimes it is used in the bass, and sometimes as a device in melody writing

Copy out this pattern 2-3 times to make an ostinato.
Add an appropriate time signature and barlines.


What key is the piece in? $\qquad$
What time signature is the piece in? $\qquad$
Mark an ostinato with a bracket. How many times is it played in this piece? $\qquad$
What is the interval between the two notes with a * in measure 7 $\qquad$
What does the term "andante" mean? $\qquad$
How loudly should the opening of the piece be played? $\qquad$ Is the distance between the last two notes a Whole step or a Half Step? $\qquad$

Copy out each measure of this piece to complete this well known folk song:


Use numbered bat clue trails (at bottom of this sheet) and follow the sequence of music symbols, starting from the matching bat/number. You can only move in single steps up, down, and left and right, no diagonal. With each clue you step your way towards a letter at the edge of the grid. Write each into the answer section as you go. These letters combine to spell the answer to the musical trivia question. To follow trails lead pencil should write over both black print and white paper.


What is the worlds Smallest instrument?

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Name these notes:


What is the name for the small lines notes above or below the staff are placed on?
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Draw a treble clef on this staff:
Draw a bass clef on this staff:
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What is the correct term for the two staff music that is used for the piano?
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Draw a sharp on the top line of this treble staff:


What does a sharp do to a note?
Draw a flat on the middle line of this treble staff:


