

Chapter 2. Bass Clef


In this chapter you will:

1. Write bass clefs
2. Write some low notes
3. Match low notes on the keyboard with notes on the staff
4. Write eighth notes
5. Identify notes on leger lines
6. Identify sharps and flats on the keyboard
7. Write sharps and flats on the staff
8. Write enharmonic equivalents

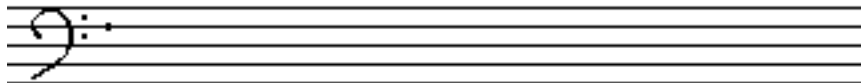
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2.1 Write bass clefs

The image shows a musical staff with a bass clef and a 4/4 time signature. The staff contains a sequence of eighth notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1. Above the staff, a box labeled "F or bass clef" has an arrow pointing to the clef symbol. To the right, a piano keyboard diagram shows the middle section with keys labeled "F" and "C". An arrow points from the "F" key on the keyboard to the F note on the staff.

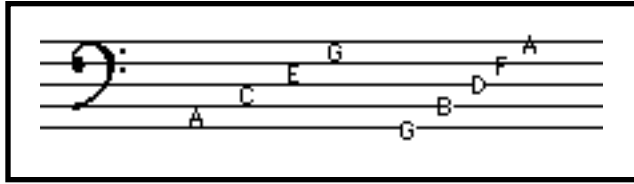
- The symbol at the beginning of the above staff, , is an F or bass clef.
- The F or bass clef says that the fourth line of the staff is the F below the piano's middle C. This clef is used to write low notes.

DRAW five bass clefs. After each clef, which itself includes two dots, put another dot on the F line.



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2.2 Write some low notes



- The notes on the spaces of a staff with bass clef starting from the bottom space are:
A, C, E and G as in All Cows Eat Grass.
- The notes on the lines of a staff with bass clef starting from the bottom line are:
G, B, D, F and A as in Good Boys Do Fine Always.

1. IDENTIFY the notes in the song "This Old Man." PLAY it.

This old man, He played one, He played nick nack on my thumb

2. WRITE the notes and bass clefs for the song, "Go Tell Aunt Rhodie"
Q = quarter note H = half note W = whole note

	H	Q	Q	H	H	H	Q	Q	Q	Q	H
	E	E	D	C	C	D	D	F	E	D	C

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	H	Q	Q	H	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	W
	G	G	F	E	E	C	D	C	D	E	C

Go tell Aunt Rhodie, Go tell Aunt Rhodie

Go tell Aunt Rhodie, The old grey goose is dead.

2.3 Match low notes on the keyboard with notes on the staff



A. Bass clef and the keyboard

1. WRITE letters on the white keys of the above keyboard.
2. WRITE, on the keyboard below, the number of each note which appears on the staff to the left. Learn to play this phrase.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Deck the halls with boughs of hol-ly



B. Review

1. The phrase for remembering the lines for bass clef is

2. The spaces in treble clef spell

3. The phrase for remembering the lines for treble clef is

4. The phrase for remembering the spaces for bass clef is

2.5 Identify notes above and below the staff; leger lines

Example 1. Treble clef: D E F...E F G. Bass clef: F G A...G A B.

Example 2. Treble clef: G A B C D. Bass clef: B C D E.

Leger lines

The illustration shows two examples of musical notation. Example 1 shows notes written above and below the staff. Example 2 shows notes written on the staff and leger lines. A box labeled 'Leger lines' points to the lines above and below the staff in Example 2.

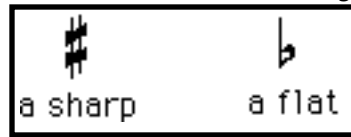
- Notes can be written above and below the staff. Their letter names continue in alphabetical order. See example 1 in the illustration above.
- Staves can be extended with leger lines. Leger lines are short lines above, below or through notes to show pitches beyond the staff. See example 2 in the illustration above.

IDENTIFY the notes to Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."

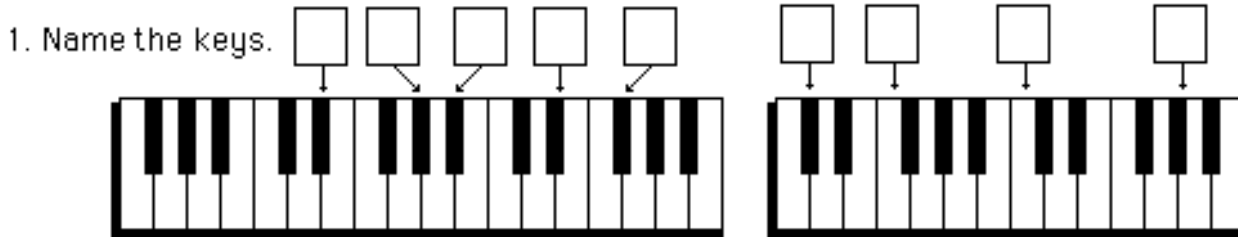
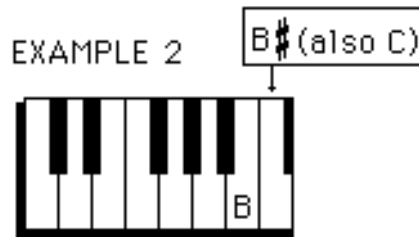
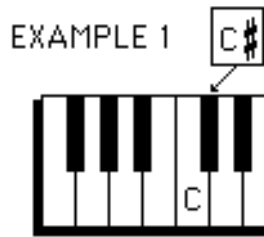
The image shows the first two staves of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff starts with a C4 note on the first ledger line, followed by D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F31, 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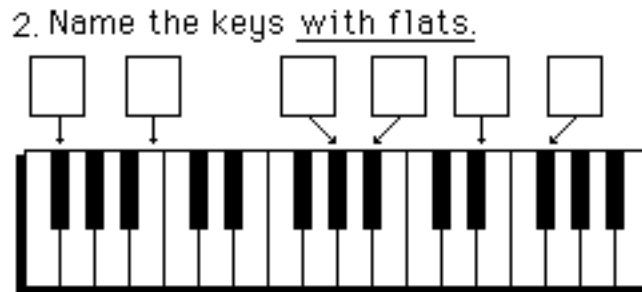
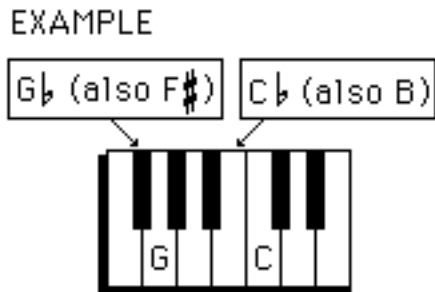
2.6 Identify sharps and flats on the keyboard



- A sharp, #, after a letter name means play the key to the right, or higher, on the keyboard without skipping over any keys, whether black or white. See example 1 below. C# is to the right of C.
- If the key to the right is white, give the key a new second name with a sharp. See example 2 below.



- A flat, b, after a letter means play the key to the left, or lower, on the keyboard without skipping over any keys, whether black or white.



2.7 Write sharps and flats on the staff

A. Review

- Notes sound _____ on the right side of the keyboard.
(higher or lower)
- Notes sound _____ on the left side of the keyboard.
(higher or lower)
- A sharp means play the key to the _____ on the keyboard.
(right or left)
- A flat means play the key to the _____ on the keyboard.
(right or left)
- The key for D \sharp is to the _____ of D.
(right or left)
- The key for C \flat is to the _____ of C.
(right or left)
- D \sharp sounds _____ than D.
(higher or lower)
- C \flat sounds _____ than C.
(higher or lower)

B. Sharps and flats on the staff.

- When writing sharps and flats with letter names, write the sharp or flat after the letter-- C \sharp .
- When writing sharps and flats with notes on a staff, write the sharp or flat before the note-- \sharp F.
- On the staff, the space in the middle of the sharp or flat should cover the same line or space as the note next to it.

- WRITE sharps or flats in front of these notes.

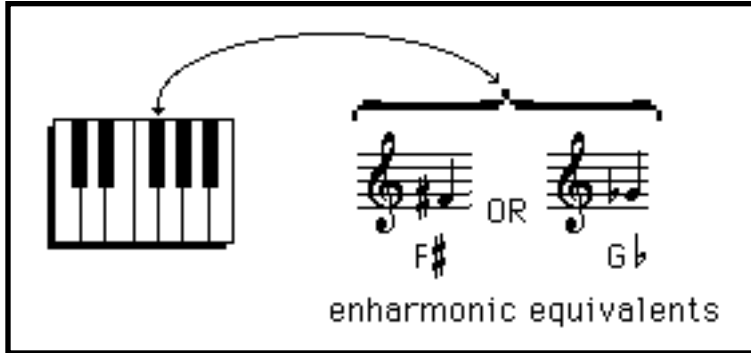
Add sharps _____ Add flats _____

The image shows a musical staff with two phrases. The first phrase is labeled 'EXAMPLE' and has a sharp sign above the first note. The second phrase is also labeled 'EXAMPLE' and has a flat sign above the first note. Above the staff, there are two brackets: one labeled 'Add sharps' pointing to the first phrase, and one labeled 'Add flats' pointing to the second phrase.

Play these two phrases.

Date: _____

2.8 Write enharmonic equivalents



• Each key on the keyboard can be written in at least two different ways on the staff, and can be called by at least two different letter names. Two letter names or two notes on the staff which refer to the same pitch are called enharmonic equivalents.

1. WRITE enharmonic equivalents for each of these notes:

A \flat ____

B \flat ____

C \flat ____

D \flat ____

D \sharp ____

F \sharp ____

B \sharp ____

C \sharp ____

A \sharp ____

2. REWRITE the following music using flats instead of sharps.



Play this tune.