

FACEG BDFACEG BDFACEG BDFACE
 G BDFACEG BDFACEG BDFACEG B

Staff and Clef

Pattern of Skipping letters

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The horizontal lines music is written on is called the Staff. A Note can be in the space between lines or on a line. We call these Space Notes or Line Notes. Here are some examples.

Piano

Line Notes Space notes

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 3 5 7 9

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If you count lines and spaces, you should count "1,2,3" etc
 If you count ONLY lines or spaces, count skipping numbers "1,3,5,7" etc
 That is how far the note moves on the keyboard.

Treble Clef:

High Sounds The Clefs are symbols that represent a letter name, as well as high sounds or low sounds.

Letter G

Line notes Space Notes Low Bass Treble High

F G F G F G F G F G

Memorize where G and F are on the staff. Then find them on the piano.

Bass Clef:

Low Sounds If you name the keys upwards in order you have A,B,C,D,E,F,G, A,B etc.

Letter F If you name every other note (skipping a note) you have A,C,E,G,B,D,F,A,C etc.

Memorize the skipping pattern. I like to remember F,A,C,E, and G,B,D. Say it out loud in this order until you can start with any note name and say the next 6 notes in order.

F A C E G B D F A C E G G B D F Middle C (same note on piano) G B D F

A C C E

If you cant remember a note, slow down and find the closest note you DO know. F and G are good starts. Then memorize all the C's From Low to High.

Low C Bass C Middle C Treble C High C

Find these notes on the piano. Start with middle C.