


Vocabulary	Meaning
Pitch	How high or low a note sounds. Also refers to specific pitches like A, D, F, etc
Octave	An interval of eight notes ie from C to the next C: C-D-E-F-G-A-B-C
Key	The group of pitches that are used in a piece of music
Scale	A set of musical notes in order either going higher or lower in pitch.
Semitone	Notes that are right next to each other are a semitone apart (half a tone)
Key signature	The group of # (sharp) or b (flat) symbols at the start of a piece of music to tell us what key the music is in
Major	Music which is in a major key uses certain pitches (in C major, it uses all the 'white notes' on a piano and doesn't use any sharps or flats) and generally sounds happy, exciting, positive
Minor	Music which is in a minor key uses different pitches to the major key (C minor uses eb, ab and sometimes bb.). The result is that it sounds more sad and thoughtful
Transpose	To change the key of a piece of music, usually to make it easier to play or sing


### Key knowledge - Sharps and flats

**Sharp** - a pitch that is a semitone higher, for example F sharp is a semitone higher than F. You show this with a sharp sign.

**Flat** - a pitch that is a semitone lower, for example B flat is a semitone lower than B. You show this with a flat sign.





**Sharp**



**Flat**

### Key knowledge - How do we understand and use a key signature?

The key signature tells us which key the music we are playing is in by how many sharps or flats it has.


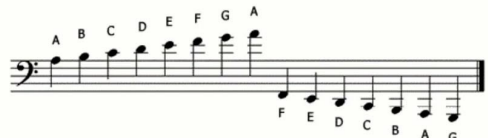



The number of sharps or flats increase in a set order. We can remember the order with this mnemonic.


### Key knowledge - Stave and staff notation


**Stave** - the group of five lines used for reading and writing music.


**Ledger line** - short lines that you draw under or over the stave to extend it so you can play lower and higher notes.





#### # Sharps

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
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#### b Flats

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