# Answer Key

## Theory Workbook 1

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## Music Theory: Introduction

#### What is Music Theory?

The study and understanding of the elements and structure of music. To put it simply, music theory is the key to understanding the "how" and the "why" behind the music you hear or play.

#### Why Learn Music Theory?

#### Learn Pieces of Music Faster on any Instrument or Voice

Just like using a map or GPS app will help you get to your destination faster, music theory can act as the map or GPS app to show you the way to the end of a piece of music, speeding memorization and in some cases increasing your emotional connection to the music built on understanding what is actually going on.

#### **Get Better at Reading Music**

Understanding all the intricacies of music theory will improve your ability to read music. Many things you will learn in this book will give you a stronger relationship to written music.

#### Strengthen Your Relationship to All the Music in your Life

Music theory will help you understand and relate to the music you are hearing, singing and/or playing. With this understanding, you will be able to play the music more accurately, with a deeper intellectual and emotional understanding and interpretation. Think about how many new things you have learned so far in your life from reading books. How much more could you learn about music from being able to read and understand what is happening in a piece of music? Music theory will make you a smarter and sharper musician when playing, writing, and studying music.

### What You Will Need

- 1. This book.
- 2. The Best Music Theory Book for Beginners 1
- 3. Manuscript paper.
- 4. Pencils.
- 5. A ruler.

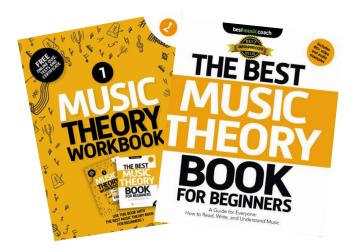
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# Rhythm 1: Answers

## Rhythm 1: Answers

#### Staff Line and Space ID

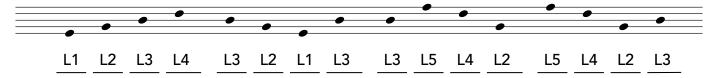
#### **Exercise 1**

Write S and the number space the dot (notehead) is in.



#### **Exercise 2**

Write L and the number space the dot (notehead) is in.



#### **Exercise 3**

A mix of lines and spaces.

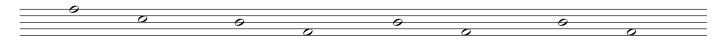


## **Writing Noteheads**

#### **Exercise 1: Closed Noteheads**



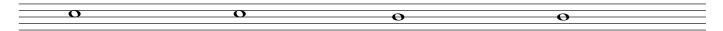
#### **Exercise 2: Open Noteheads: Half Notes**



#### **Exercise 3: Open Noteheads: Whole Notes**



#### **Exercise 4: Open Noteheads: Whole Notes**



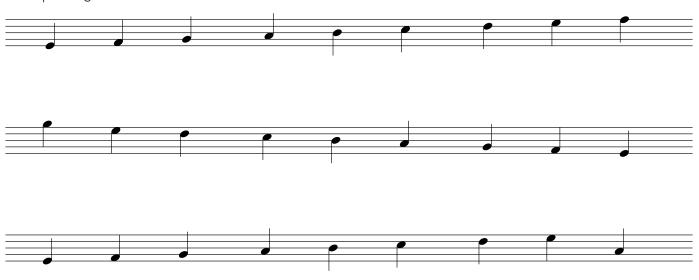
#### **Exercise 5: Mix**



## **Writing Stems**

#### **Exercise 1**

Add the correct stem (length and direction) for each quarter notehead. Remember that all notes which are under the middle line of the staff should have their stem pointing upwards. All notes above and on the middle line have their stems pointing downwards.





#### **Exercise 3**



## Mini quiz 1:

Noteheads which are above the middle line of the staff should point:

Answer: Downwards

When a notehead is on the middle line, it usually should point:

Answer: Downwards

## **Writing Bar Lines**

There are many different types of bar lines in music, which are used not only to separate measures, but also to separate different parts of a song.

Reminder: The three most common types of bar lines are:

- 1. Regular Bar Line (these are used to separate measures)
- **2.** Double Bar Line (these are used often to separate sections or show the end of an exercise that does not happen in regular measures)
- 3. End Bar Line (these are used to end the song)

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## **Writing Time Signatures**

The time signature is an important part of written sheet music. In these exercises, you will practice writing your own time signatures.

Remember: The two time signatures which you have learned so far are  $\overset{4}{4}$  and  $\overset{3}{4}$ . Remember that in order to write the time signature, you place two large numbers on top of each other.

The **upper number** of the time signature takes up the space from line 3 to line 5 of the staff

The **lower number** of the time signature takes up the space from line 1 to line 3 of the staff.





**Exercise 1** 

In each blank measure, write the time signature for **4**.







**Exercise 2** 

In each blank measure, write the time signature for  ${f 4}$ .





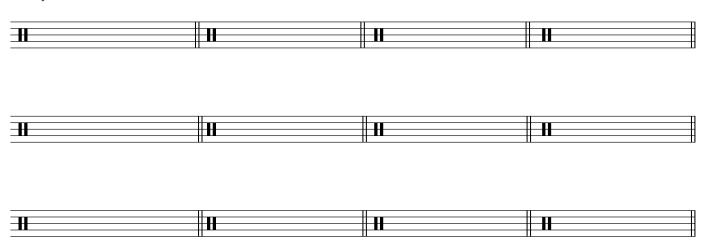
## **Writing Percussion Clefs**

To write a percussion clef:

- 1. Write two vertical lines from the 4th line of the staff to the 2nd line of the staff.
- 2. Make the lines thick.

#### **Exercise**

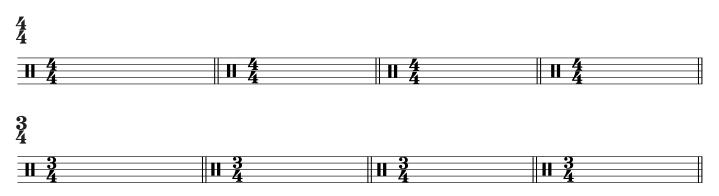
Using the above steps, fill in the following 12 measures with percussion clefs. The first one of each line is already filled in for you.



The other name for a percussion clef is "neutral clef".

## Writing Percussion Clefs and Time Signatures

1. Write a percussion clef then the indicated time signature in every measure.



## Spacing Notes on the Staff 4

#### **Exercise 3**



#### **Exercise 4**



#### **Exercise 5**



#### Exercise 6



#### **Exercise 7**



#### **Exercise 8**



 $\frac{4}{4}$  Whole notes fill up an entire measure of  $\overset{4}{4}$ . But what type of note fills up a measure of  $\overset{4}{4}$ ? Answer: a dotted half note! You will learn about these cool, new notes in a later chapter.

## Spacing Notes on the Staff: 3

#### Exercise 2



#### **Exercise 3**



#### **Exercise 4**





# Rhythm 2: Answers

## Strong and Weak Beats

It might not seem important now, but the strong and weak beats are REALLY important for when you start to understand and break down your favorite songs and understand music.

### Strong and Weak Beats in ${4\over4}$



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**Strongest Weak Strong Weakest** 

**Strongest Weak Strong Weakest** 

### Strong and Weak Beats in ${}^3_4$

Write the order of song and weak beats!

**Strongest Weak Weakest** 

**Strongest Weak Weakest** 

**Strongest Weak Weakest** 

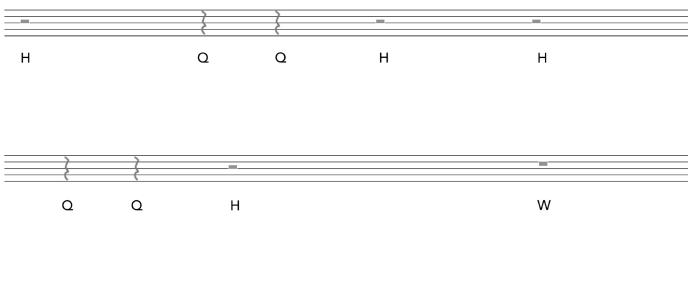
**Strongest Weak Weakest** 

# Rhythm 3: Answers

### Trace and Label the Rests

Trace the following exercise which includes a mix of whole rests, half rests, and quarter rests. After you finish tracing all the rests, write underneath each rest to label their names with the correct letter.

(W = whole rest) (H= half rest) (Q= quarter rest)





## Mini quiz 2:

1) Which line do half notes rests sit on top of?

Answer: Half rests sit on top of the third line of the staff.

2) Which line do whole rests hang below?

Answer: Whole rests hang underneath the 4th line of the staff.

These are how your quarter rests should look after you have finished tracing them in.

## How to Write Lines of Music 2

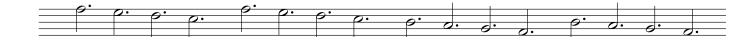
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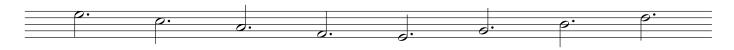
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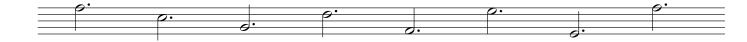
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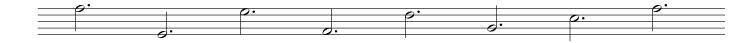
#### Exercise 2











## Spacing Notes, Dotted Notes, and Rests on the Staff





## **Writing Ties**

#### **Exercise 2**











## **Writing Repeat Signs**

#### **Exercise 2**

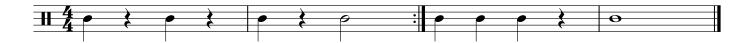




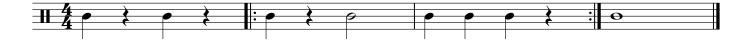
#### **Exercise 3**



#### **Exercise 4**



#### **Exercise 5**





# Pitch and Notes 1: Answers

## The Basic Musical Alphabet

**Exercise 1** 

ABCDEFGABCDEFGABCD

**Exercise 2** 

BCDEFGABCDEFGABCDE

**Exercise 3** 

GABCDEFGABCDEFGABC

**Exercise 4** 

AGFEDCBAGFEDCBAGFE

**Exercise 5** 

FEDCBAGFEDCBAFEDCB

**Exercise 6** 

CBAGFEDCBAGFEDCBAG

## Note Identification and Writing 1: On the Staff

#### **Exercise 2**

Write the letter name of the note under the measure in each of the blanks.



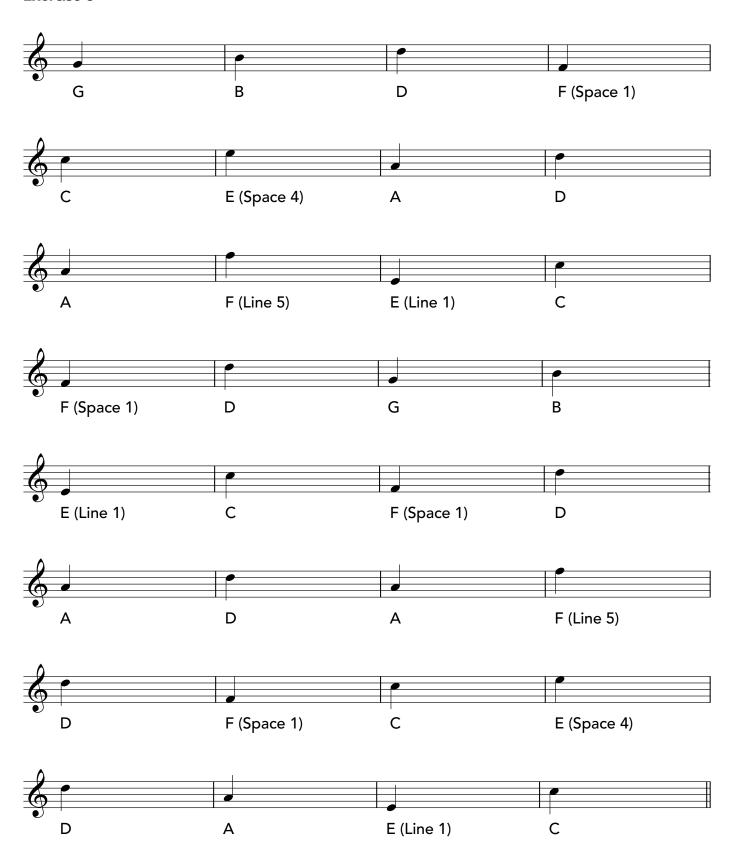
## Mini quiz 3:

What note name is the first (bottom) line of the staff?

Answer: E

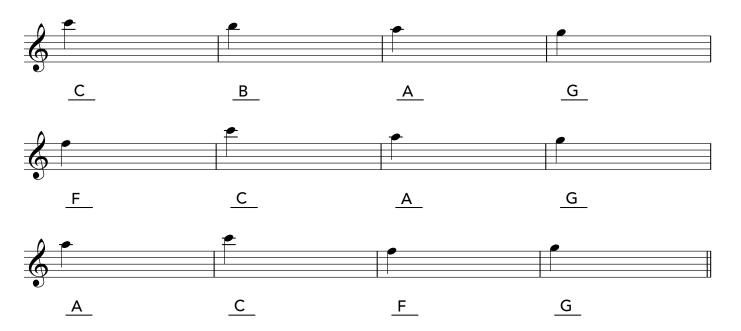
What note name is the fourth (second from the top) line of the staff?

Answer: D

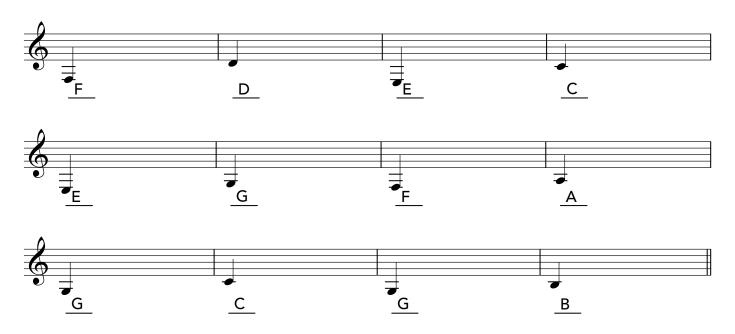


## Note Identification and Writing 2: Ledger Lines

**Exercise 2: Above the Staff** 



**Exercise 2: Below the Staff** 



## Mini quiz 4:

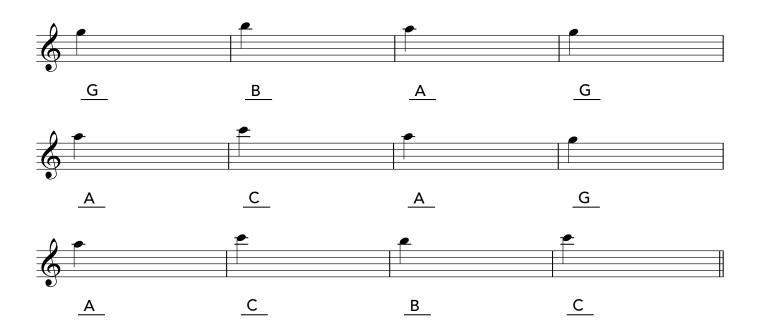
What note name is the space directly below the staff?

Answer: D

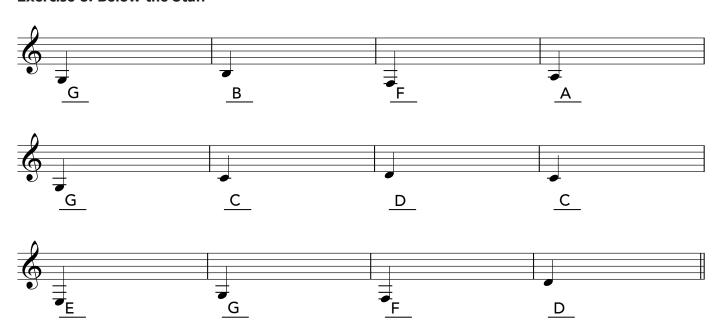
What note name is the space directly above the staff?

Answer: G

#### **Exercise 3: Above the Staff**



#### **Exercise 3: Below the Staff**



## Note Identification and Writing 3: Correct the Errors

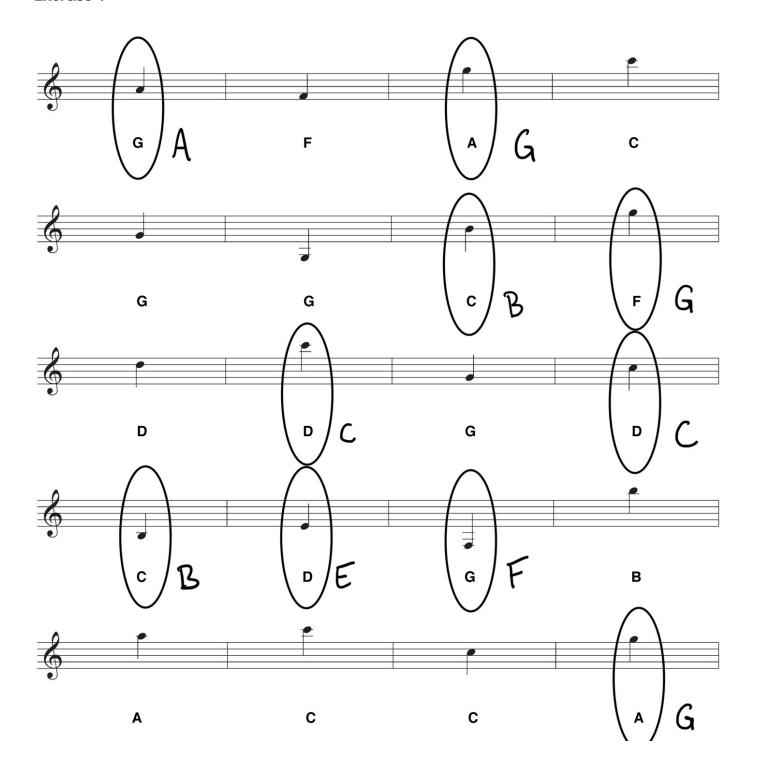
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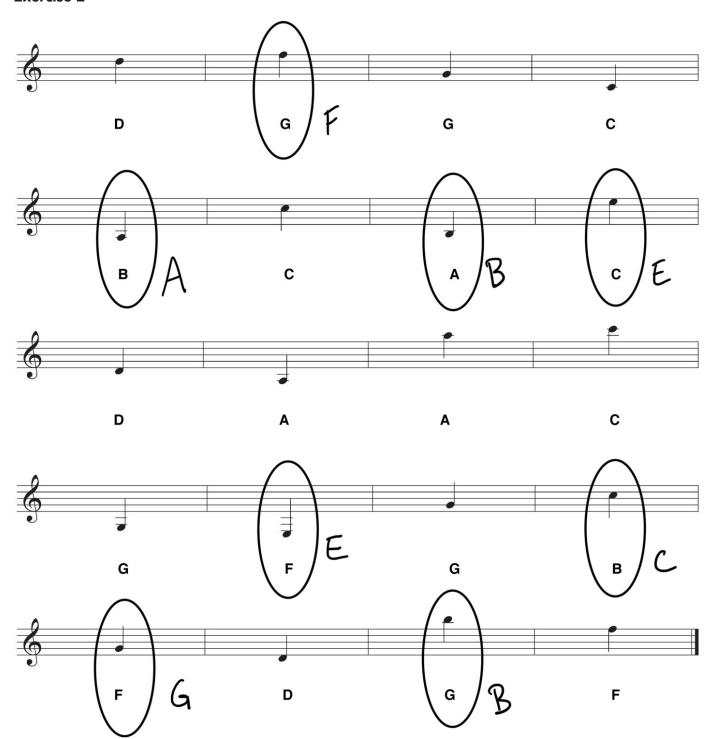
What note name is the third ledger line below the staff?

Answer: F

What note name is the second ledger line above the staff?

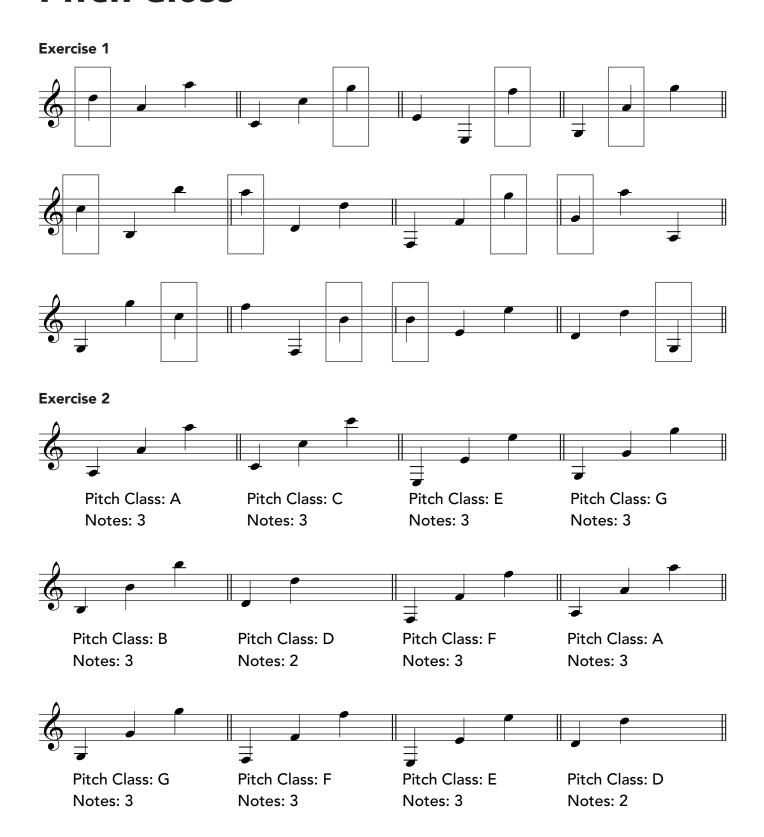
Answer: C





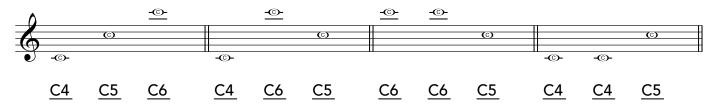
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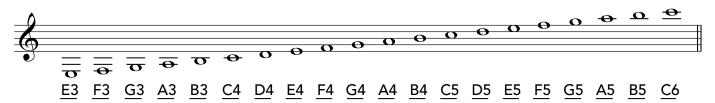


### Octave Register

### **Exercise 1**



### **Exercise 2**





### **Octaves**

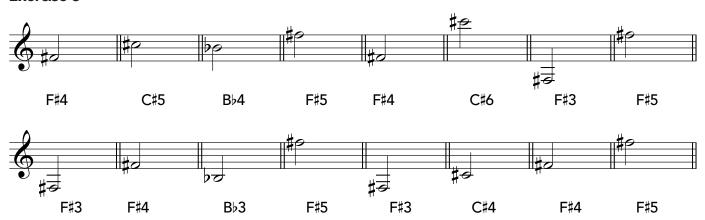
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### **Accidentals**

### **Exercise 2**







### **Courtesy Accidentals**



### The Full Musical Alphabet

### **Exercise 1**

A A#/BB B C C#/DB D D#/EB E F F#/GB G G#/AB A A#/BB B C C#/DB D D#/EB E F F#/GB G G#/AB A A#/BB

#### Exercise 2

A A#/BB B C C#/DB D D#/EB E F F#/GB G G#/AB A A#/BB B C C#/DB D D#/EB E F F#/GB G G#/AB A A#/B

### **Exercise 3**

A A#/Bb B C C#/Db D D#/Eb E F F#/Gb G G#/Ab A A#/Bb B C C#/Db D D#/Eb E F F#/Gb G G#/Ab A A#/Bb

### **Exercise 4**

A G#/Ab G F#/Gb F E D#/Eb D C#/Db C B A#/Bb A G#/Ab G F#/Gb F E D#/Eb D C#/Db C B A#/Bb A G#/Ab

### **Exercise 5**

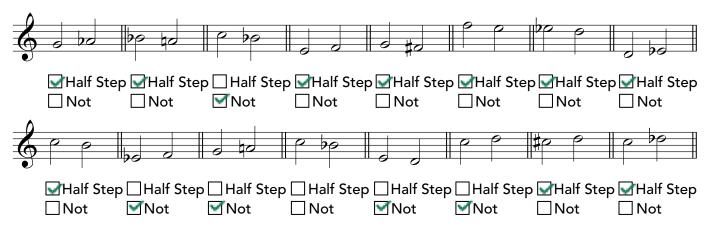
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### **Exercise 6**

A G#/Ab G F#/Gb F E D#/Eb D C#/Db C B A#/Bb A G#/Ab G F#/Gb F E D#/Eb D C#/Db C B A#/Bb A G#/Ab

### Writing Half Steps

### **Exercise 1**



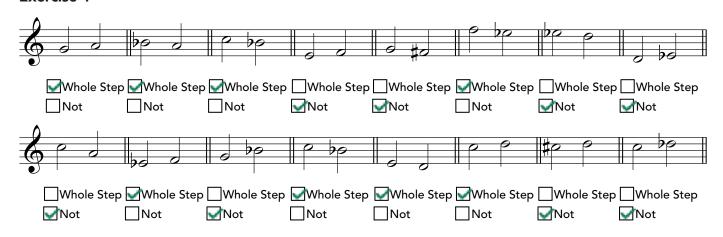
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### Writing Whole Steps

### Exercise 1



### Exercise 2





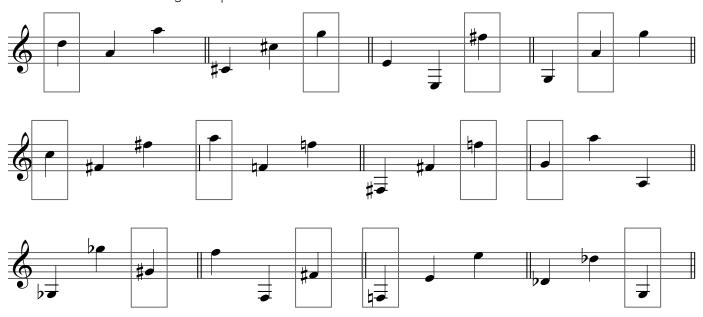




### Pitch Class 2

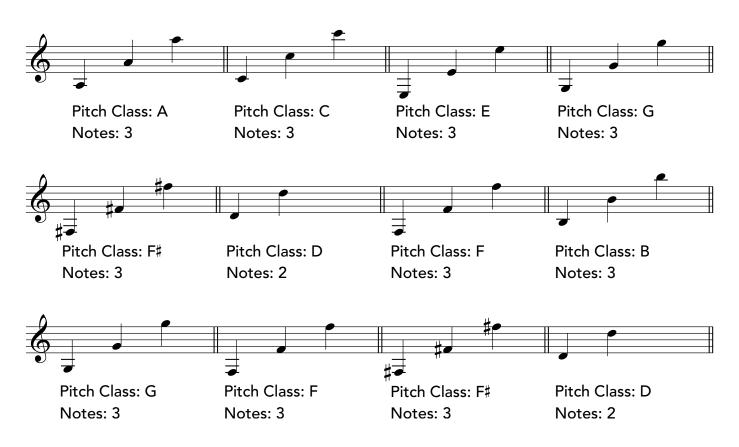
### **Exercise 1**

In every measure there are two notes that are the same pitch class and a third note that is not in the pitch class. Circle the note that does not belong in the pitch class.



### **Exercise 2**

Write all the notes in the pitch class from lowest to highest sounding that we have learned so far. Use quarter notes.



# Pitch and Notes 3: Answers

### **Writing Chromatic Scales**

### **Exercise 1**



### **Exercise 2**



### **Exercise 3**



### **Exercise 4**



### **Exercise 5**

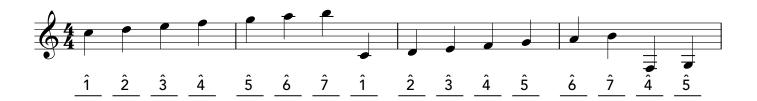


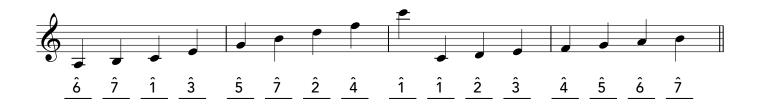


### Major Scale, Write Scale Degrees

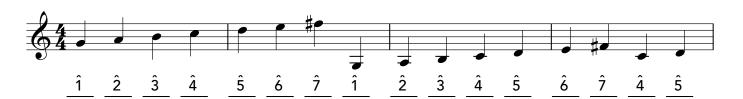
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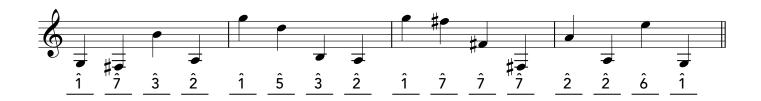
### **C Major Scale Degrees**





### **G Major Scale Degrees**

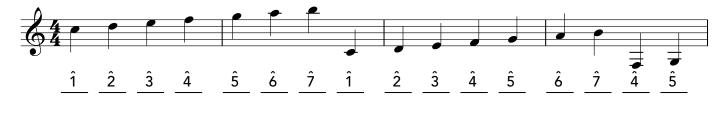




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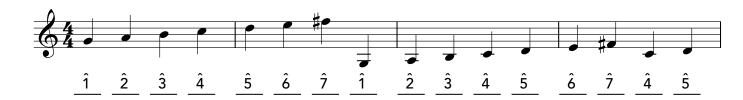
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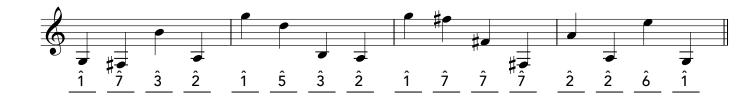
### **C Major Scale Degrees**





### **G Major Scale Degrees**





# Writing Major Scales with Accidentals

### **Exercise 1**

In exercises 1, 2, 3, and 4, write a major scale starting on the note provided and add accidentals. For extra credit, write the scale degrees below each note of the scale.



### **Exercise 2**

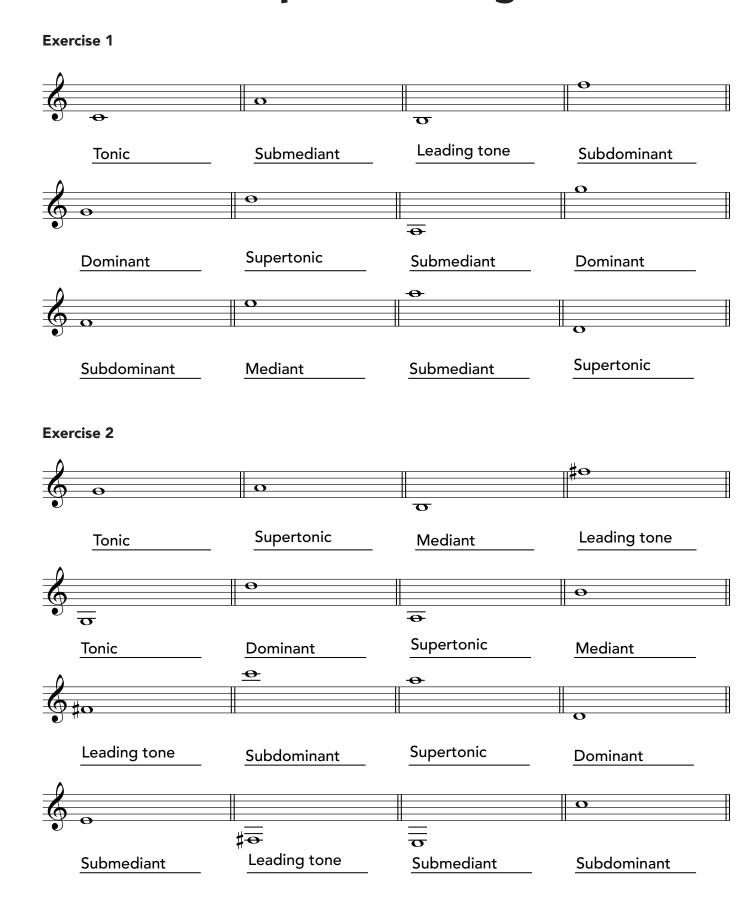


### **Exercise 3**





### Names of Major Scale Degrees



### **Writing Tetrachords**

### **Exercise 1**



### **Exercise 2**



### **Exercise 3**



### **Exercise 4**





### Writing Key Signatures

In this book, we will focus only on the keys of C and G. In later books, additional keys will be introduced, as well as easy step by step processes to identify them.

Let's start by reviewing what you learned in The Best Music Theory Book for Beginners 1 (p86) about key signatures.

### **Exercise 1**

Which key signature is written in the measure below (no sharps or flats)? Answer: Key of C

#### **Exercise 2**

Which key signature is written in the measure below (1 sharp)? Answer: Key of G

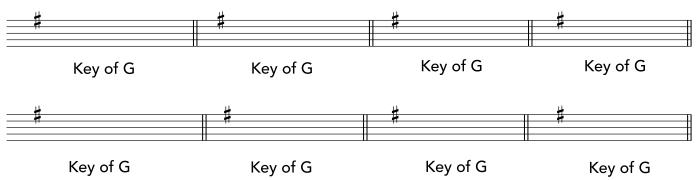
### **Exercise 3**

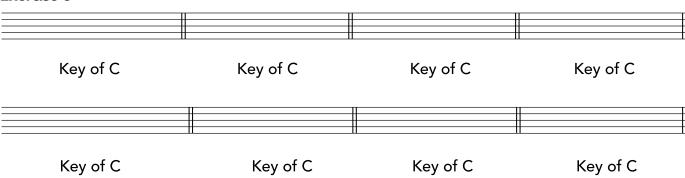
Which note needs a sharp in the example below in order to make this match the key of G? Answer: F#

### **Exercise 4**

The key below should be C. Which notes in the scale below are not in the key of C? Answer: F#, G#, and A#

### **Exercise 5**





# Writing Major Scales with Key Signatures

### **Exercise 1**

In exercises 1, 2, 3, and 4, write a key signature and major scale starting on the note provided.



### Exercise 2



### **Exercise 3**





# Natural Minor Scale, Write Scale Degrees

### **A Natural Minor Scale Degrees**

Write the scale degrees in the blanks under the staff. A is always 1. It does not matter which octave the note is written in. Think of the pitch class and write the scale degree that the pitch class of the note belongs to.





### **E Natural Minor Scale Degrees**

Write the scale degrees in the blanks under the staff. E is always 1. It does not matter which octave the note is written in. Think of the pitch class and write the scale degree that the pitch class of the note belongs to.





# Writing Natural Minor Scales with Accidentals

### **Exercise 1**

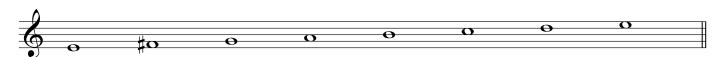
In exercises 1, 2, 3, and 4, write a natural minor scale starting on the note provided and add accidentals. For extra credit, write the scale degrees below each note of the scale.



### **Exercise 2**



#### Exercise 3





### Relative Keys and Scales

For more information on relative keys, refer to p. 94 of The Best Music Theory Book for Beginners 1.

### **Exercise 1**

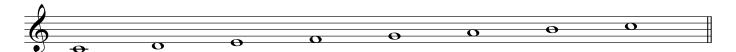
### Step 1

Write the first note of the C major scale. Then, write the next six notes of the **basic** musical alphabet ascending.



### Step 2

Write the C major scale up to  $\hat{\mathbf{8}}$ . Then, write in any accidentals needed for the scale. (Are there accidentals in C major?)



### Step 3

Now, we're going to write the relative minor of C, which is A natural minor. First, copy the C major scale you wrote in Step 2, and now circle the 6th note of the scale which is  $\hat{\mathbf{6}}$ .



### Step 4

Finally, write the musical alphabet starting on the note which you circled in step 3. Then, add the same accidentals which you wrotein Step 2. (Are there any sharps or flats in this scale?). This is the A natural minor scale.



#### **Exercise 2**

### Step 1

Start by writing the first note of the G major scale. Then, write the next six notes of the **basic** musical alphabet, going up one by one. Don't worry about accidentals. We will add them in the next step.



### Step 2

Write the G major scale up to  $\hat{\mathbf{8}}$ . Then, write in any accidentals needed for the scale. You can think about which accidentals are needed to write the key signature for the G major scale, then add those in if any.



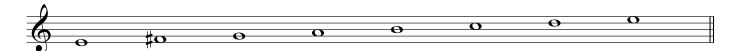
### Step 3

Now, we're going to write the relative minor of G, which is E natural minor. First, copy the G major scale you wrote in Step 2 up to  $\hat{\mathbf{6}}$ , including any accidentals, and circle the 6th note of the scale, which is  $\hat{\mathbf{6}}$ .



### Step 4

Finally, write the musical alphabet starting on the note which you circled in step 3. Then, add the same accidentals which you added in Step 2 to the same pitch class(es). This is the E natural minor scale.



#### Exercise 3

### Step 1

Start by writing the key signature for C major and the first note of the C major scale. Then, write the next six notes of the **basic** musical alphabet, going up one by one. Don't worry about accidentals, they are shown in the key signature.



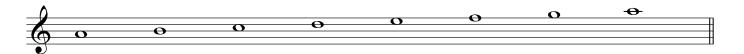
### Step 2

Now, we're going to write the relative minor of C, which is A natural minor. First, copy the key signature and C major scale you wrote in Step 2, and now circle the 6th note of the scale,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{6}}$ .



### Step 3

Finally, write the same key signature as Steps 1-2, write the **basic** musical alphabet starting on the note which you circled in Step 2 (**6**) up to the same pitch class one octave higher.

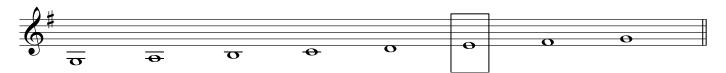


### **Exercise 4**

### Step 1



### Step 2

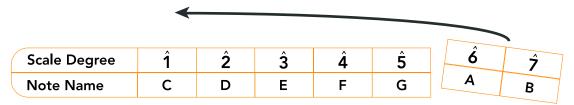


### Step 3



# Write the Note Names C Major and A Natural Minor

Fill in the blanks witht he correct note names to complete the major scale or the relative natural minor scale.

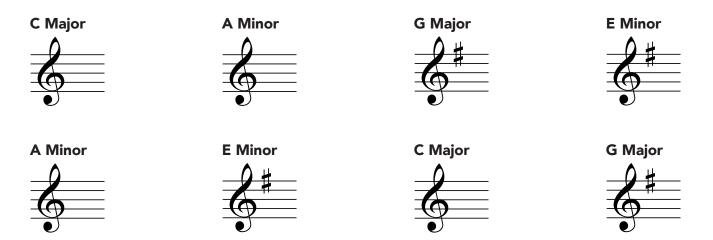


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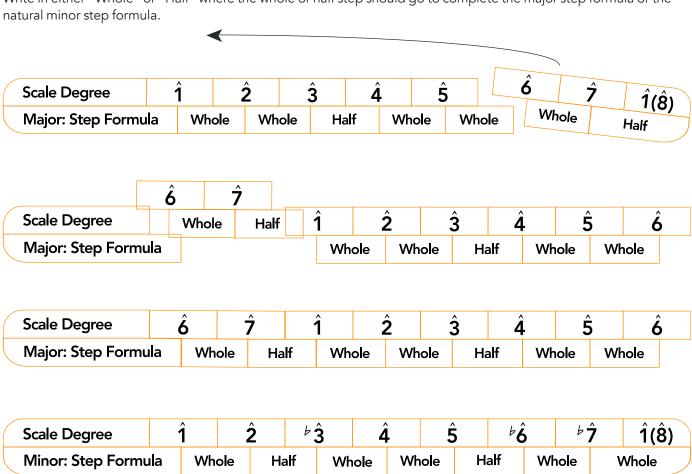
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### Relative Key Signatures



### Relative Step Formula

Write in either "Whole" or "Half" where the whole or half step should go to complete the major step formula or the



### Writing Natural Minor Scales with Key Signatures

Review p. 94-95 in The Best Music Theory Book for Beginners 1 for a step by step example and walk-through.

### **Exercise 1**

In exercises 1, 2, 3, and 4, write a key signature and natural minor scale starting on the note provided.



#### **Exercise 2**

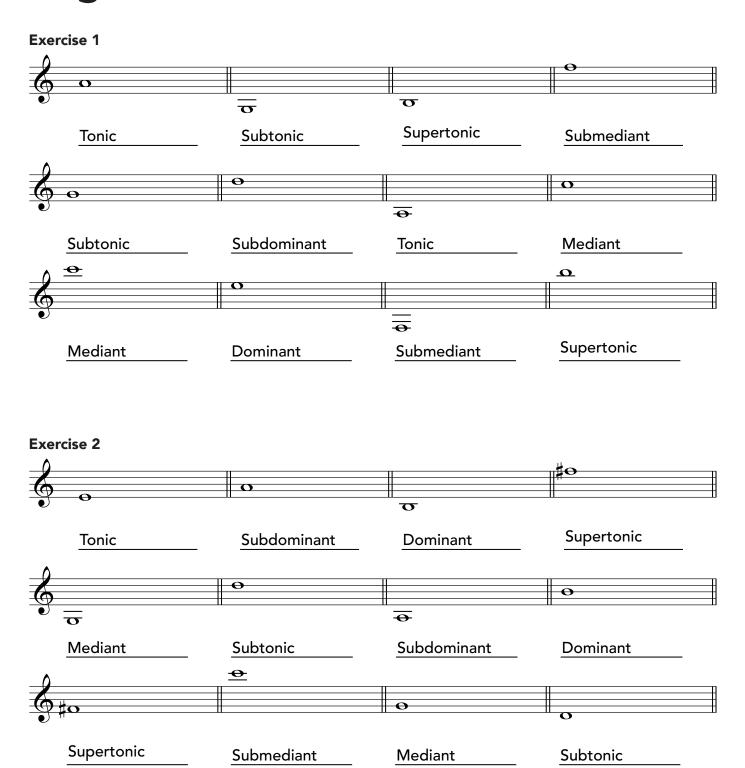


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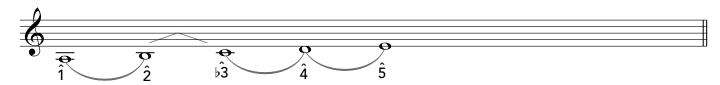


# Names of Natural Minor Scale Degrees



### **Writing Pentachords**

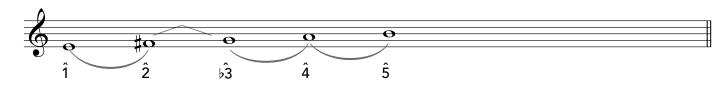
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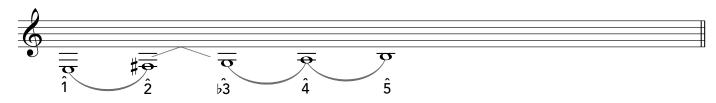


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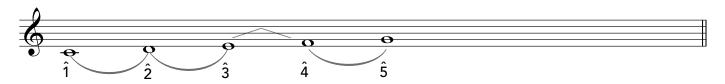


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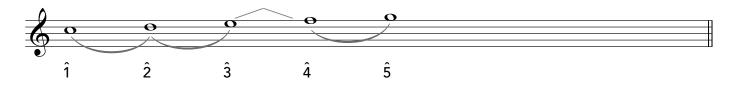




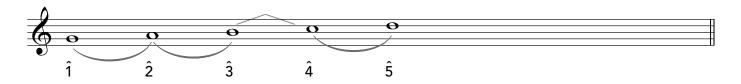
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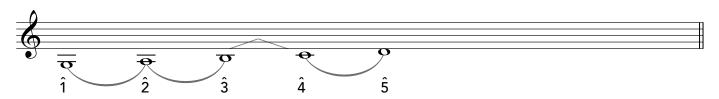


### Exercise 6



### Exercise 7



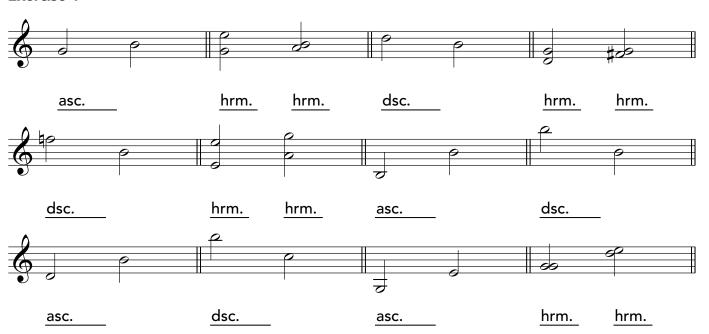


# Pitch and Notes 4: Answers

### Interval Identification 1

### **Interval Direction**

### **Exercise 1**



### Interval Quality

### **Exercise 1**

Major = M Minor = m Perfect = P Diminished = d Augmented = A

### **Exercise 2**

Write the abbreviations for the possible qualities for each interval.

U can be P 2 can be m or M 3 can be m or M 4 can be P or A 5 can be P or d

6 can be m or M 7 can be m or M 8 can be P

## Interval Identification 2: Harmonic Intervals

#### **Exercise 1**

In the following exercises, you will use the steps from before to identify the following intervals in the key of C.

### Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here C



### Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval from Step 1.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 8

Write your answer here **P** 

#### Exercise 2

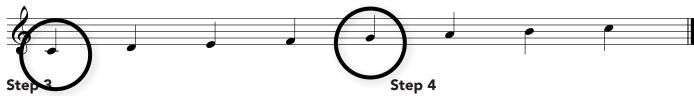
### Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here C



### Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval from Step 1.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 5

Write your answer here P

of the C major scale to the note C) the quality of the interval will always be either major or perfect. Perfect intervals: Unison (U), Fourth (4), Fifth (5), and Octave (8) Major intervals: Second (2), Third (3), Sixth (6), and Seventh (7).

#### **Exercise 3**

In the following exercises, you will use the steps from before to identify the following intervals in the keys of C and G.

### Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here C



### Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval from Step 1.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 7

Write your answer here **M** 

### **Exercise 4**

#### Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here C



### Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval from Step 1.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 7

Write your answer here M

### **Exercise 5**

In the following exercises, you will use the steps from before to identify the following intervals in the keys of C and G.

### Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here C



### Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval from Step 1.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Write the number of the interval here 2

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write your answer here **M** 

### **Exercise 6**

### Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here C



### Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval from Step 1.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 4

Write your answer here P

### Key: G Major

In the last section, you practiced identifying intervals in the key of C. Now, you will apply the same steps as you did in the key of C, only this time in the key of G. You are in "easy major scale land" where intervals can only be "M" or "P".

In these exercises, you will apply the same step by step process as before in the key of G.

#### Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. In this example, it is G.



## Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. In this case, it will be a G major scale. Circle the bottom note (G, in this case) and the top note of the interval (F#, in this case)



Note- once you have learned and memorized all the major scales, you can skip to step 4. This is because once you have memorized them all, you should be able to think of the notes in your head without needing to write out the whole scale.

## Step 3

Remember, every interval has a number which tells you the distance between the two letters in the musical alphabet. To figure out this number, start on the bottom note (G) as 1. Then, count up the scale until you arrive to the note which is on top (F#) of the interval. (Think: G, 1.... A, 2... B, 3... until you get F#, 7.) Now we know that the interval is some kind of 7th (either major or minor).

#### Step 4

The last step after identifying the number (7th) is to determine the quality of the interval. This step is surprisingly simple. All you need to do is refer to the major scale which you wrote down in step 2. If the note on the top of the interval matches the note in the scale (i.e. it doesn't have any accidental which is different) then it's major or perfect, because all the asc. + hrm. intervals in a major scale are either major or perfect. In this case, since it's a 7th, it's Major.



Major 7th (hrm. M7)

#### Exercise 1

In the following exercises, you will use the steps from before to identify the following intervals in the key of G.

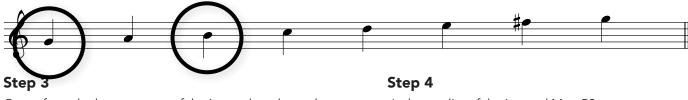
#### Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here: G



## Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 3

Write your answer here **M** 

#### **Exercise 2**

## Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here: G



## Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 6

Write your answer here M

Tip: Remember that when you compare any note from any major scale to its root (for example, comparing any note of the C major scale to the note C) the quality of the interval will always be either major or perfect. Perfect intervals:

Unison (U), Fourth (4), Fifth (5), and Octave (8) Major intervals: Second (2), Third (3), Sixth (6), and Seventh (7).

#### **Exercise 3**

In the following exercises, you will use the steps from before to identify the following intervals in the keys of C and G.

## Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here: G



## Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

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Write your answer here M

## **Exercise 4**

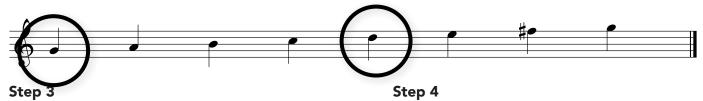
## Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here: G



## Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 5

Write your answer here P

#### Exercise 5

In the following exercises, you will use the steps from before to identify the following intervals in the keys of C and G.

## Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here: G



## Step 2

Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval.



Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 4

Write your answer here P

## Exercise 6

## Step 1

Pay attention to the bottom note of the interval. Write the letter name here: G



Write out the major scale for the note on the bottom. Circle the bottom and top note of the interval.



Step 3

Count from the bottom note of the interval up the scale until you get to the top note.

Is the quality of the interval M or P?

Write the number of the interval here 8

Write your answer here P

Now that you have practiced basic intervals in the earlier section of this book, and have practiced the G major scale and C major scale, now it's time to practice identifying intervals with ledger lines. Remember to follow the steps to identify intervals which you practiced in the earlier section.

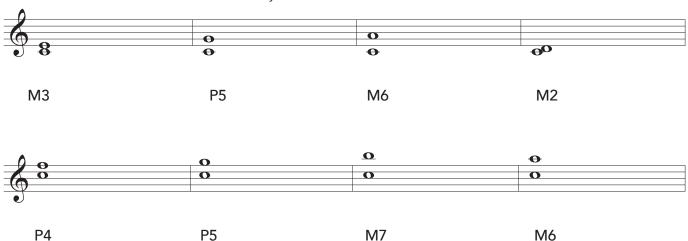
## **Example**

Label the following intervals with their quality: M for major and P for perfect. Make sure to also include the distance (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) of the interval as well.



#### Exercise 1

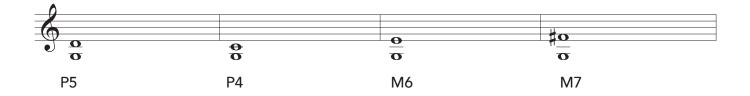
Label the following intervals with M for major and P for perfect. Make sure to also include the number of the interval as well. All of these exercises are based on the key of C.



## **Exercise 2**

Label the following intervals with M for major and P for perfect. Make sure to also include the number of the interval as well. All of these exercises are based on the key of G.





## **More Harmonic Intervals**



# Interval Identification 3: Ascending Intervals

Key: C Major





## **Exercise**



# More Ascending Melodic Intervals



# Interval Identification 4: Descending Intervals



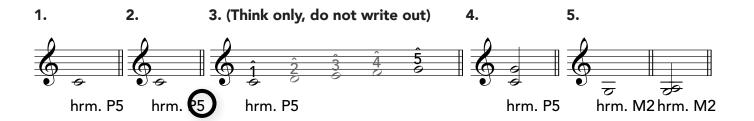
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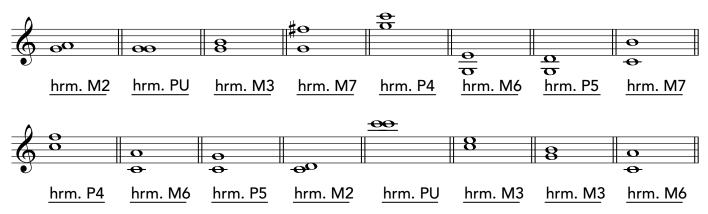
## More Descending Melodic Intervals



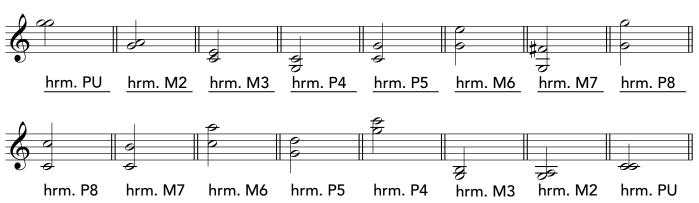
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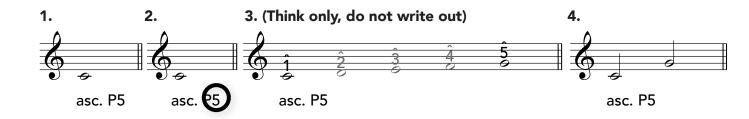
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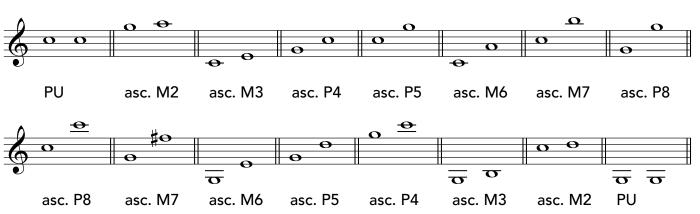
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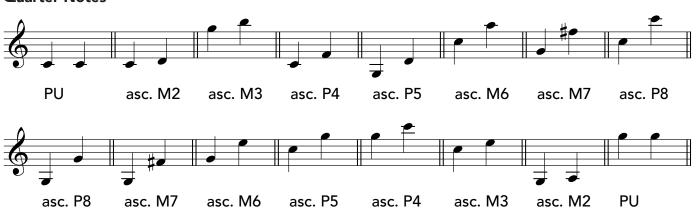
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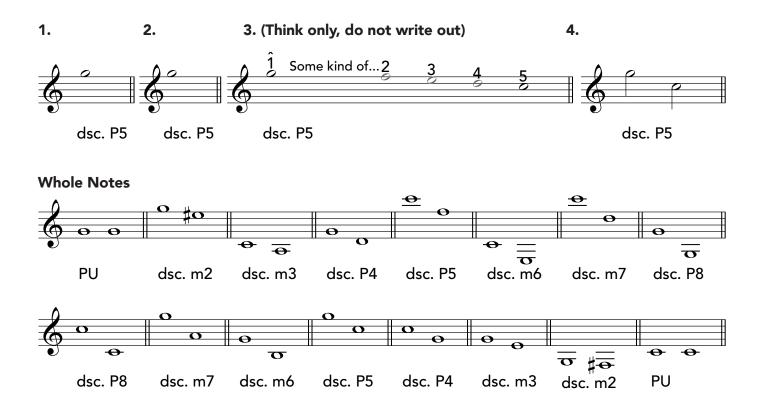
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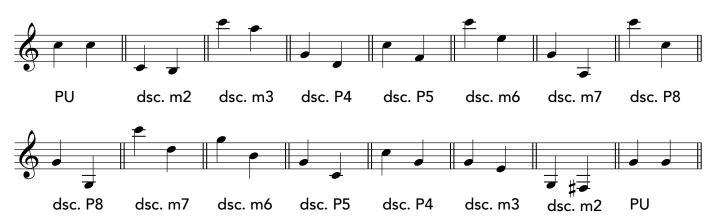
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# Write Descending Intervals: C & G



## **Quarter Notes**



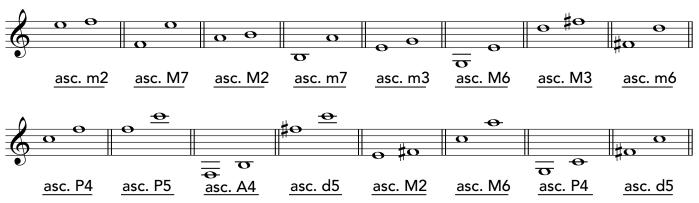
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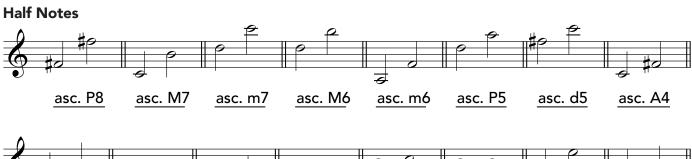
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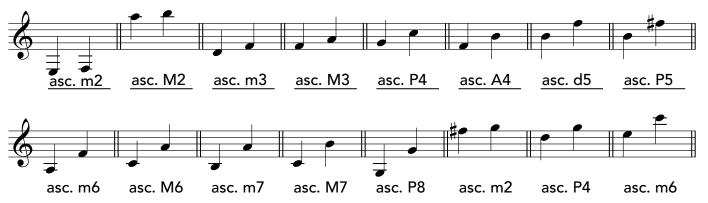
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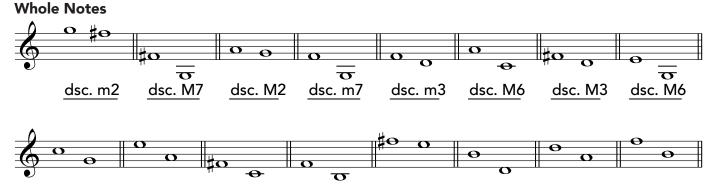




## **Quarter Notes**



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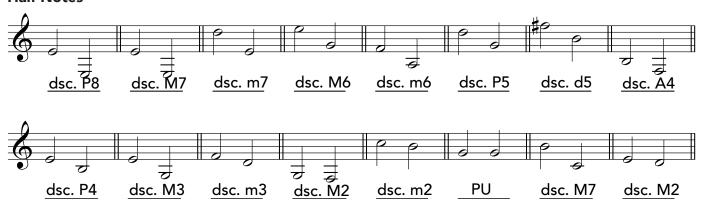
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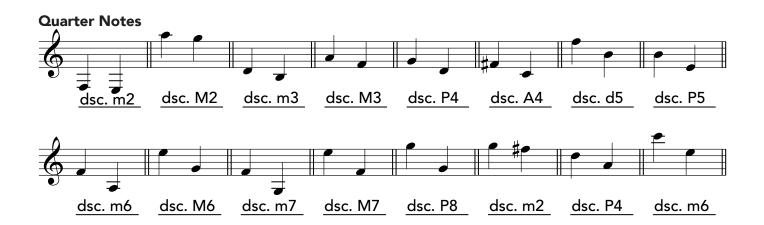
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dsc. P4

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dsc. A4





# Harmony 1: Answers

# **Writing Triads**

## **Naming Chord Tones**

Write the letter name for each chord tone in the blank spaces.





Root: G

Third: B

Fifth: D

## **E Minor Chord Tones**



Root: E

Third: G

Fifth: B

## **A Minor Chord Tones**



Root: A

Third: C

Fifth: E

## **C Major Chord Tones**

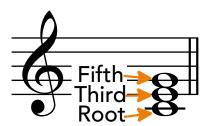


Root: C

Third: E

Fifth: G

## Label the Root, Third, and Fifth





## Write the Chord Symbol

Write the chord symbol in the blank.

Root: C Third: E Fifth: G Chord Symbol: C

Root: E Third: G Fifth: B Chord Symbol: E-

Root: G Third: B Fifth: D Chord Symbol: G

Root: A Third: C Fifth: E Chord Symbol: A-

#### Write the Triad Intervals

Write the interval quality and distance (PU, m2, M3, m3, M4, P4, P5) in the blanks.

Between the root and third of all major triads there is an interval of a M3

Between the third and fifth of all major triads there is an interval of a m3

Between the root and fifth of all major triads there is an interval of a P5

Between the root and third of all minor triads there is an interval of a m3

Between the third and fifth of all minor triads there is an interval of a M3

Between the root and fifth of all minor triads there is an interval of a P5

## **Label the Triad Intervals**

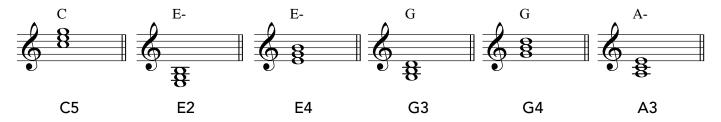
Write the interval quality and distance (PU, m2, M3, m3, M4, P4, P5) next to the brackets.



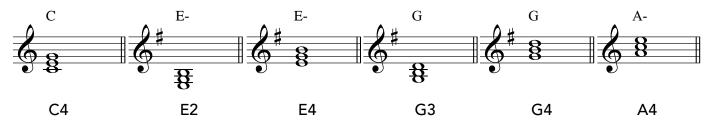
## **Writing Triads with Intervals 1**



## Writing Triads with Accidentals 1



## **Writing Triads with Key Signatures**



## **Writing Triads with Dots**

See p. 114 of The Best Music Theory Book for Beginners 1 for a step-by-step walk-though for writing triads with dots.

## Add Dots to the Triads

Add dots to each half note triad.



## **Complete the Triad and Add Dots**

Complete the triad using the provided note as the root of your triad. Add dots to complete your dotted half not triads, add stems, and accidentals if needed. Add courtesy accidentals if appropriate.



## **Writing Triads with Ties**

See p. 114 of The Best Music Theory Book for Beginners 1 for a step-by-step walk-though for writing triads with ties.

## Add the Ties to the Triads



#### Write the Second Triad and Add the Ties

Write the a G triad for the rhythmic value that will complete the measure in the blank beats of the staff. Add ties from the G triad in the previous measure to the one you have written.



## Write the Chord Symbol 2

Write the chord symbol in the blank.

## **Key of C Major**

Root: D	Third: F	Fifth: A	Chord Symbol: D-
Root: F	Third: A	Fifth: C	Chord Symbol: F
Root: A	Third: C	Fifth: E	Chord Symbol: A-
Root: G	Third: B	Fifth: D	Chord Symbol: G
Root: E	Third: G	Fifth: B	Chord Symbol: E-
Root: C	Third: E	Fifth: G	Chord Symbol: C

## **Key of G Major**

Root: B	Third: D	Fifth: F#	Chord Symbol: B-
Root: G	Third: B	Fifth: D	Chord Symbol: G
Root: D	Third: F#	Fifth: A	Chord Symbol: D
Root: E	Third: G	Fifth: B	Chord Symbol: E-
Root: C	Third: E	Fifth: G	Chord Symbol: C
Root: D	Third: F#	Fifth: A	Chord Symbol: D
Root: B	Third: D	Fifth: F#	Chord Symbol: B-

## Write the Triad Intervals 2: Reminder

Write the interval quality and distance (PU, m2, M3, m3, M4, P4, P5) in the blanks.

Between the root and third of all major triads there is an interval of a M3

Between the third and fifth of all major triads there is an interval of a m3

Between the root and fifth of all major triads there is an interval of a P5

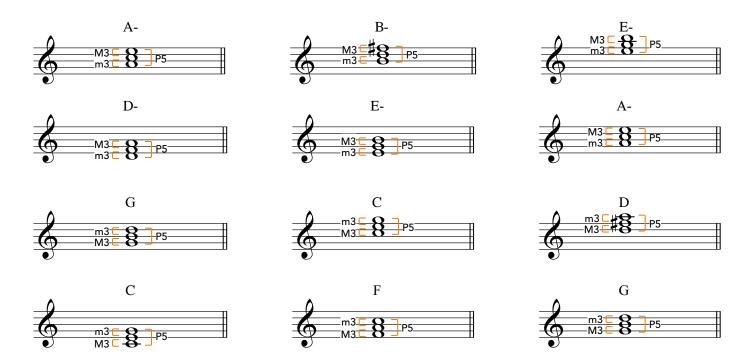
Between the root and third of all minor triads there is an interval of a m3

Between the third and fifth of all minor triads there is an interval of a M3

Between the root and fifth of all minor triads there is an interval of a P5

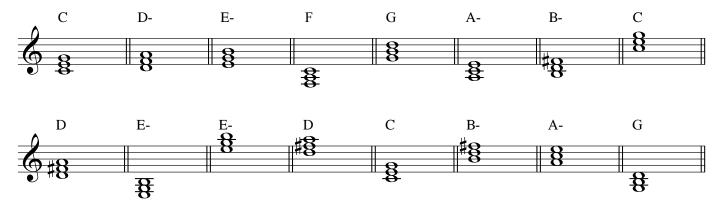
## Label the Triad Intervals and Chord Symbols

- 1. Write the interval quality and distance (PU, m2, M3, m3, M4, P4, P5) next to the brackets.
- 2. Write the chord symbol for each triad above the staff.



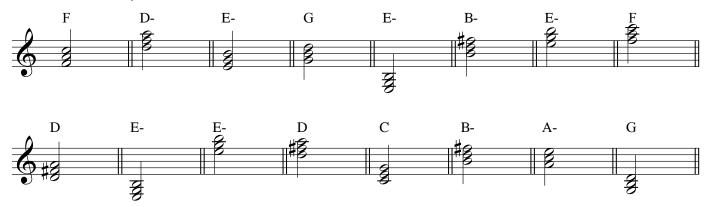
## Writing Triads with Accidentals 2

## **Write Triads with Whole Notes**



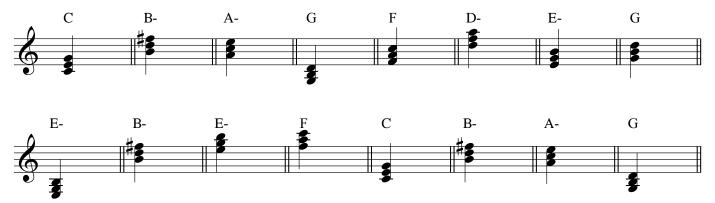
## **Write Triads with Half Notes**

Write the noteheads, then add the stem.

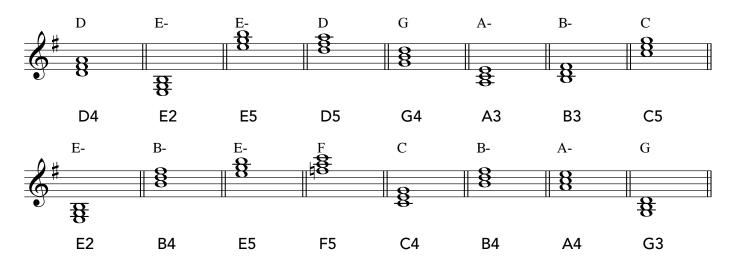


## **Write Triads with Quarter Notes**

Write the noteheads, then add the stem.

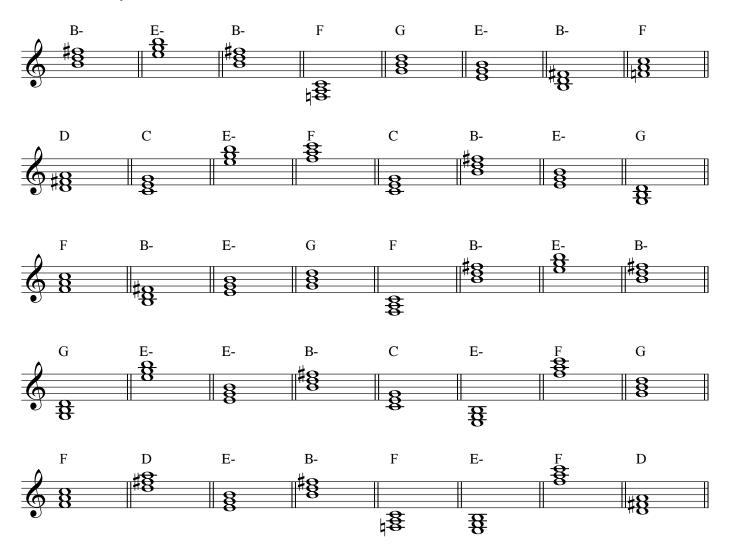


## Writing Triads with Key Signatures 2



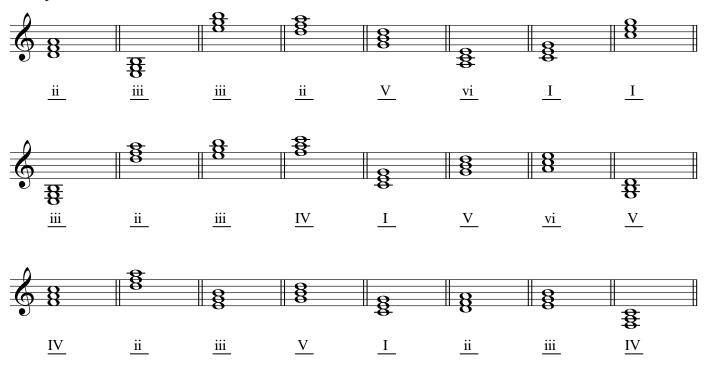
## Triad Identification

Write the chord symbol for the written triad above the measure for each triad.

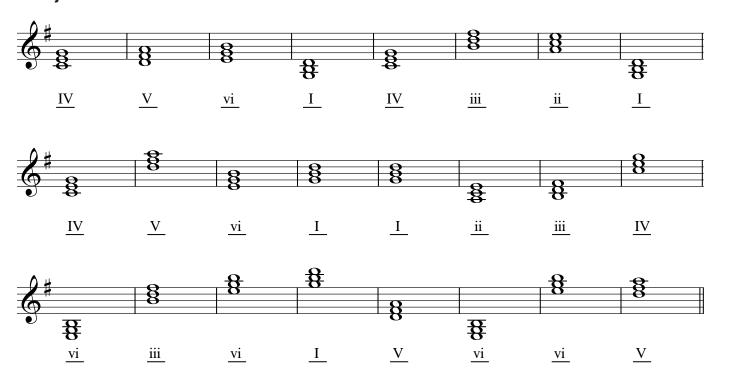


## Writing Roman Numerals: Major Scales and Keys

## C Major Write the Roman Numerals

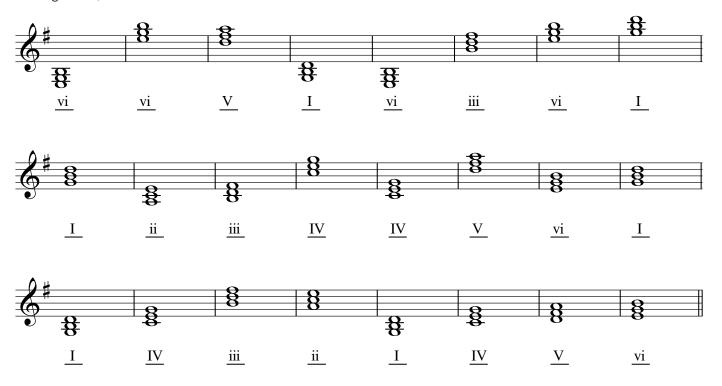


## **G** Major Write the Roman Numerals



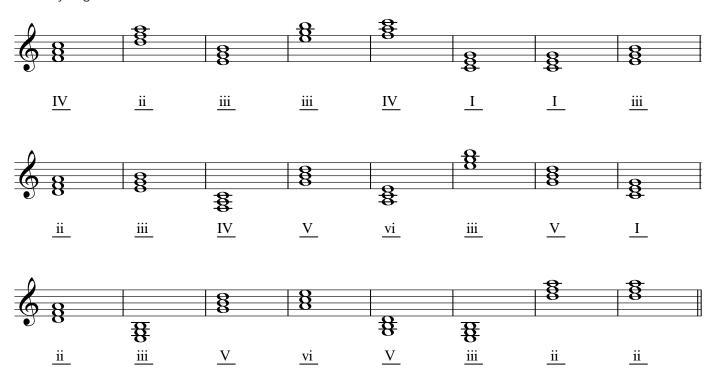
## **G** Major Write the Triads for the Roman Numerals

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## C Major Write the Triads for the Roman Numerals

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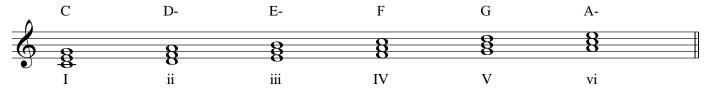
## Writing Major Scales Harmonized to the Fifth

See p. 116 of The Best Music Theory Book for Beginners 1 for a full walk-through on harmonizing major scales.

## With Accidentals

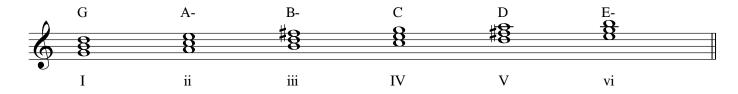
## C Major Scale Harmonized to the Fifth

Start on the provided note and harmonize the C major scale to the fifth to  $\hat{\mathbf{6}}$ . Add accidentals when needed. Add roman numerals below each chord and chord symbols above each chord. Start on the note provided.



## **G Major Scale Harmonized to the Fifth**

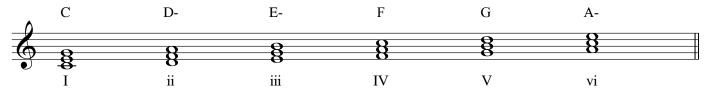
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## With Key Signatures

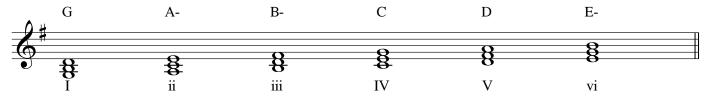
## C Major Scale Harmonized to the Fifth

Start on the provided note and harmonize the C major scale to the fifth with a key signature to  $\hat{\mathbf{6}}$ . Add roman numerals below each chord and chord symbols above each chord. Start on the note provided.



## **G Major Scale Harmonized to the Fifth**

Start on the provided note and harmonize the G major scale to the fifth with a key signature to  $\hat{\mathbf{6}}$ . Add roman numerals below each chord and chord symbols above each chord. Start on the note provided.



## Natural Minor Chords

## Writing Natural Minor Quality Formula

## Write The Minor Triad Quality Formula

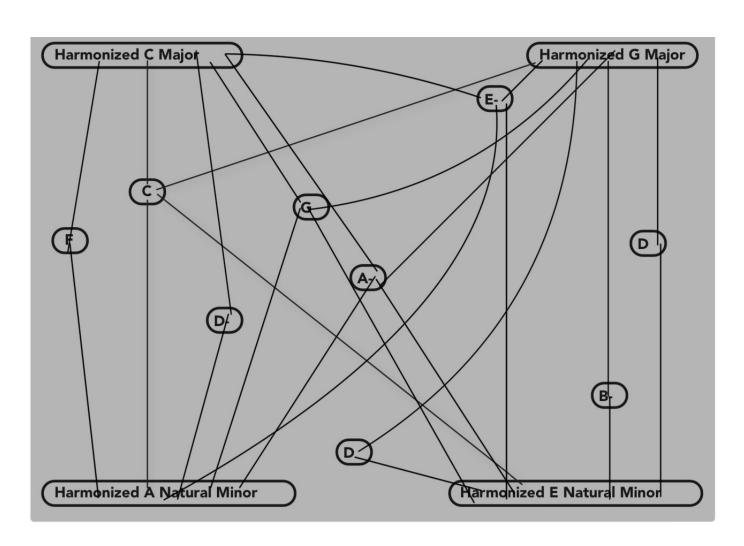
Fill in the blanks to complete The Major Triad Quality Formula.

Minor Skip Major Minor Minor Major Major

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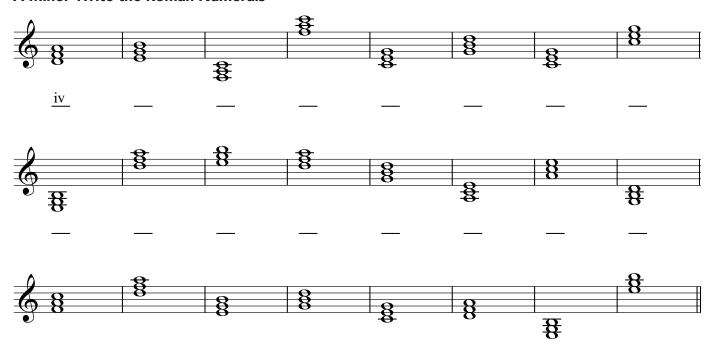
## Connect the Chords to the Scales



# Writing Roman Numerals: Natural Minor Scales and Keys

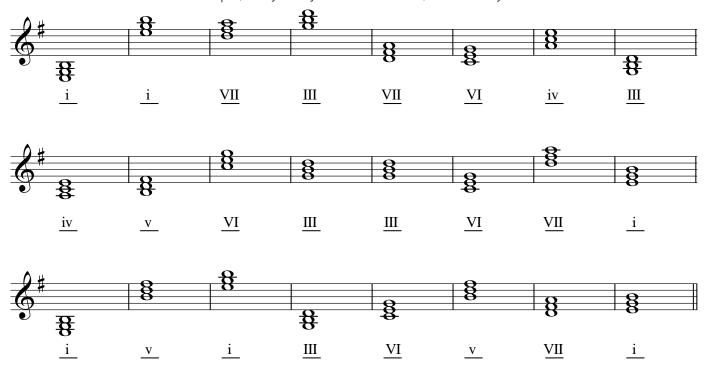
In the following exercises, you will practice writing and identifying roman numerals in the keys of A and E minor.

## A Minor Write the Roman Numerals



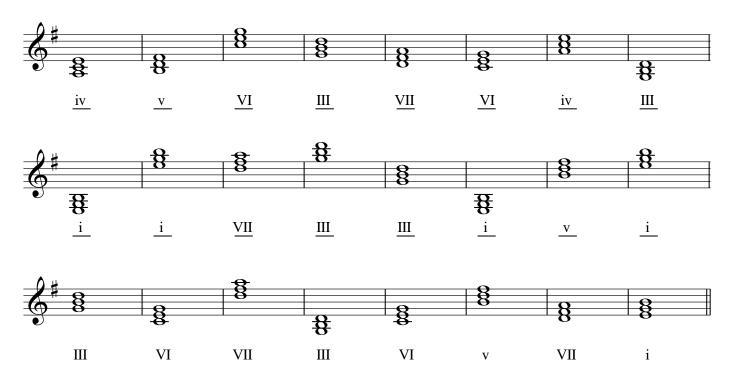
## **E Minor Write the Roman Numerals**

Remember that in the E minor example, every time you see the note "F," it is actually an F#.



## **E Minor Write the Triads for the Roman Numerals**

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## A Minor Write the Triads for the Roman Numerals

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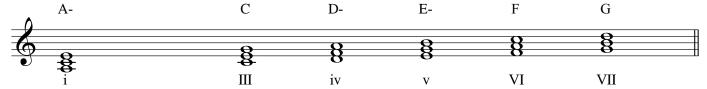
# Writing Natural Minor Scales Harmonized to the Fifth

See p. 118 of The Best Music Theory Book for Beginners 1 for a full walk-through on harmonizing natural minor scales.

## With Accidentals

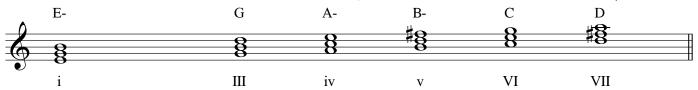
#### A Natural Minor Scale Harmonized to the Fifth

Start on the provided note and harmonize the A natural minor scale to the fifth, skipping  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$ . Add accidentals when needed. Add roman numerals below each chord and chord symbols above each chord. Start on the note provided.



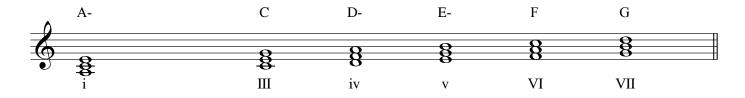
#### E Natural Minor Scale Harmonized to the Fifth

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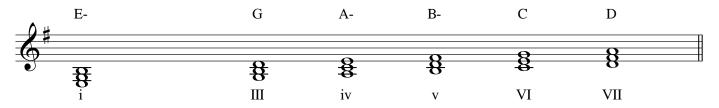


## With Key Signatures

## A Natural Minor Scale Harmonized to the Fifth



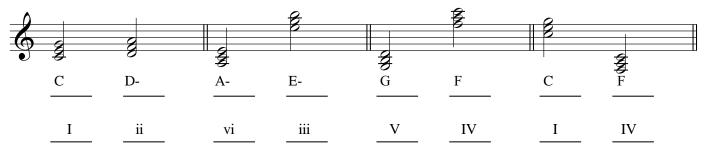
#### E Natural Minor Scale Harmonized to the Fifth



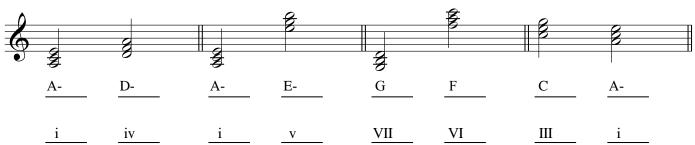
## **More Triad Identification**

- 1. Write a chord symbol to represent the triad.
- 2. Write a roman numeral to show how the triad relates to the key.

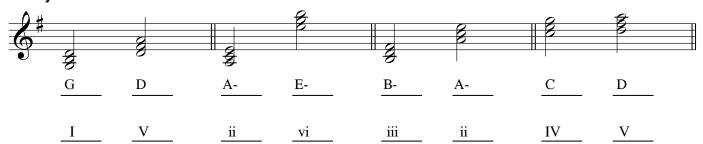
## C Major



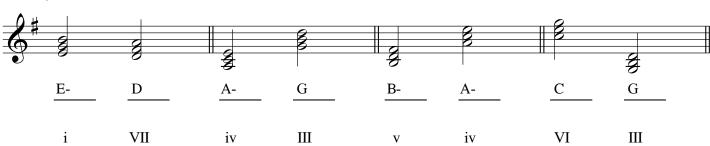
## **A Minor**



## **G** Major



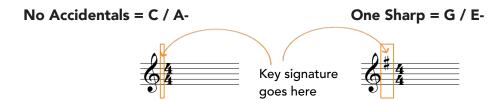
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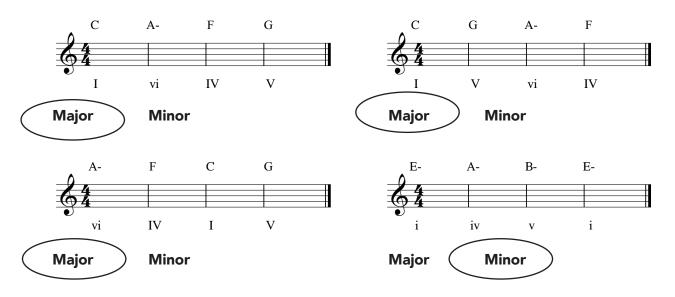
# Analysis 1: Answers

# **Key Identification 1**

## **Key Signature Identification**

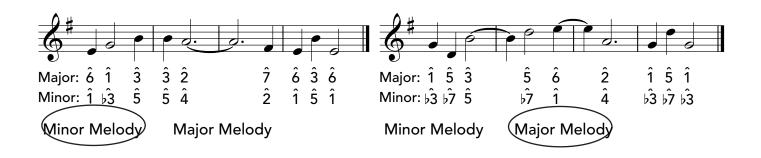


## Chords



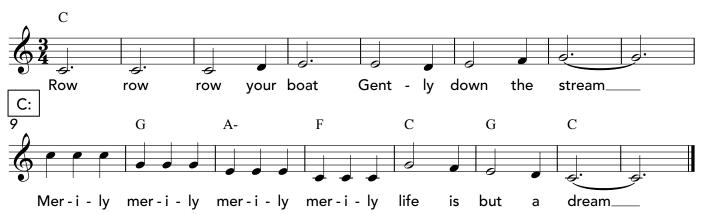
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Is it Major or Minor?

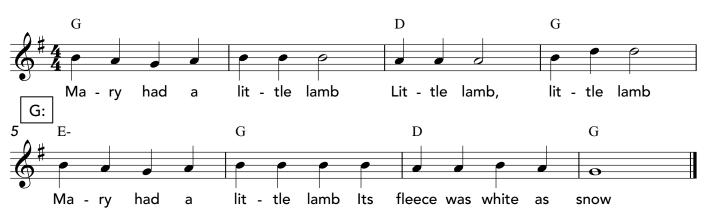


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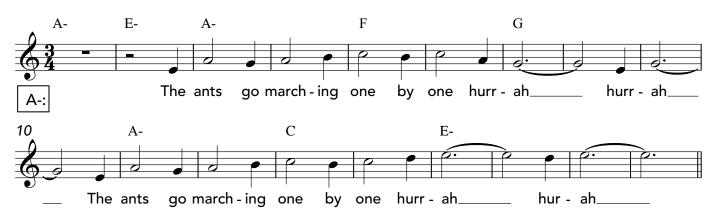
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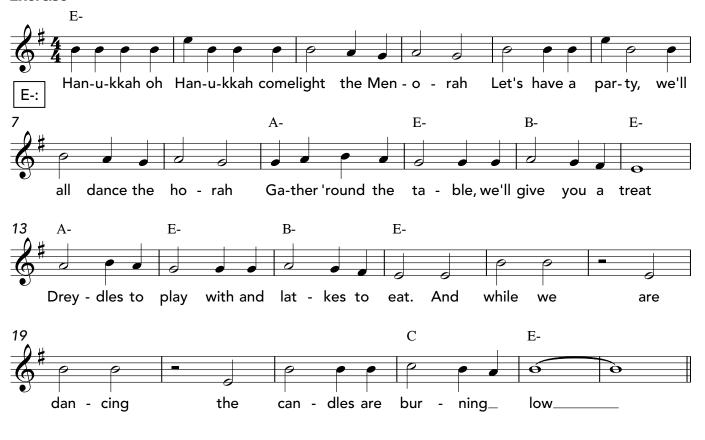
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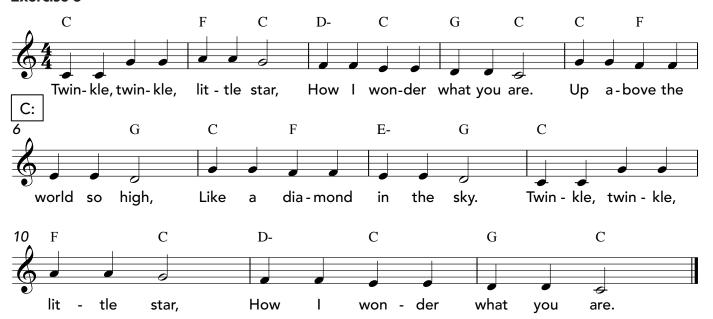
## **Exercise 3**



## **Exercise**



## **Exercise 5**



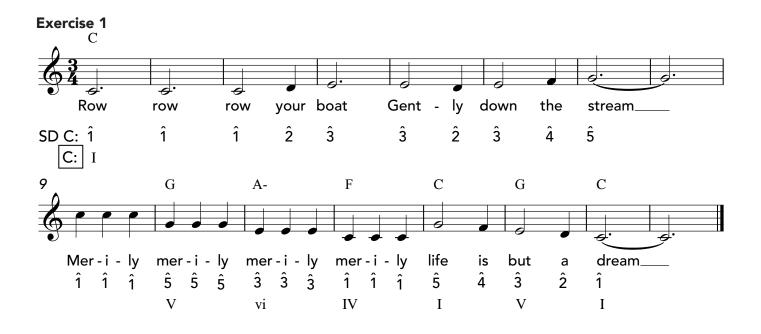
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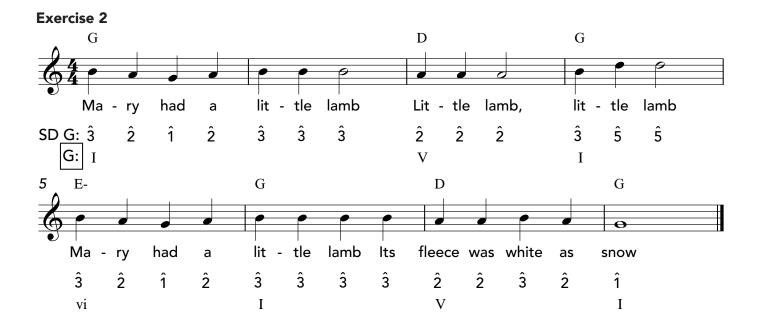


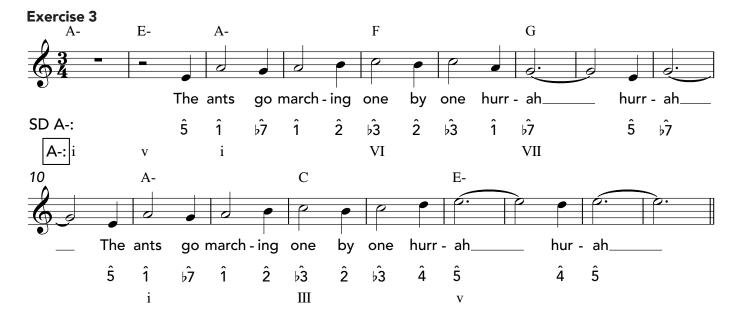
## **Exercise 4**



# Roman Numeral Analysis









## Exercise 5



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