

THE MUSIC ANIMALS

EASY PIANO

Level 1 - Part 1

Lessons, Games & Easy Songs
For Beginners



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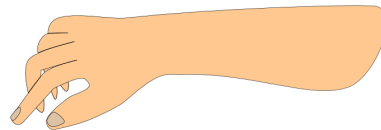
Lesson 1

Sitting at the Piano

1. Sit at the edge of your seat
2. Put your knees under the piano keyboard, not your legs.
3. Relax your shoulders
4. Curl your fingers
5. Place the tips of your fingers on the keyboard
6. Keep arms and wrists relaxed

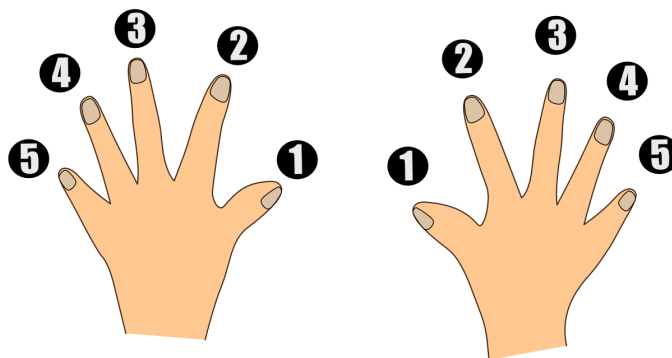


Tip: Trim your nails if they are too long. Long nails make your fingers lie flat.



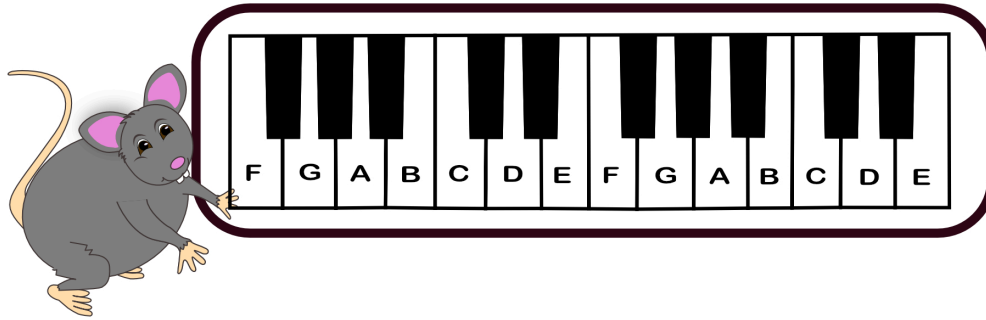
Relax your wrists and curve your fingers.

Finger Numbers



LET'S PLAY A GAME!

Help Winnie Rat find the correct key! Use the correct finger and hand to play each key. Check off the ones you find by coloring the star.



PLAY THE NOTE C WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND, 1ST FINGER.



PLAY THE NOTE E WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND, 3RD FINGER.



PLAY THE NOTE F WITH YOUR LEFT HAND, 2ND FINGER.



PLAY THE NOTE D WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND, 2ND FINGER.



PLAY THE NOTE G WITH YOUR LEFT HAND, 1ST FINGER.



NOTE VALUES AND COUNTING



Whole Note - 4 beats



Dotted Half Note - 3 beats



Half Note - 2 beats



Quarter Note - 1 beat



Eighth Note - 1/2 beat

Time Signature

A time signature shows the pulse of the song.

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How many beats in the measure

4

What note value equals one

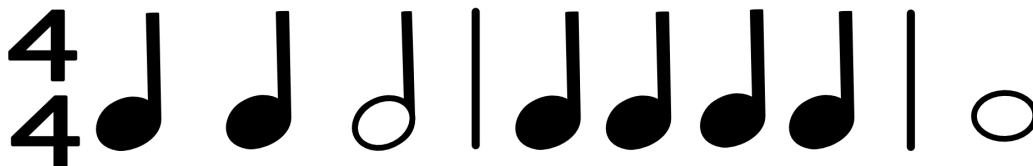
Measure

A measure is the measurement of time between two barlines.



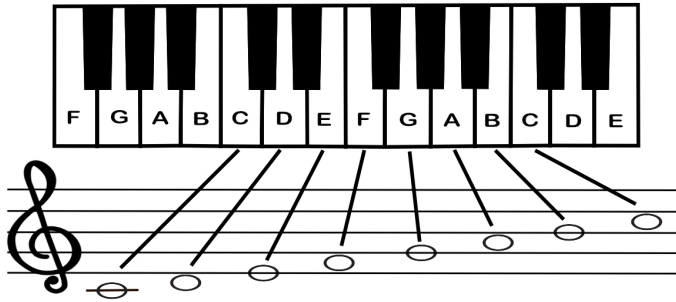
Clap and count this rhythm!

You can use different ways to count. Try and see what you like.



Ta	Ta	Ta-a	Ta	Ta	Ta	Ta	Ta-a-a-a
1	1	1-2	1	1	1	1	1-2-3-4
1	2	3-4	1	2	3	4	1-2-3-4

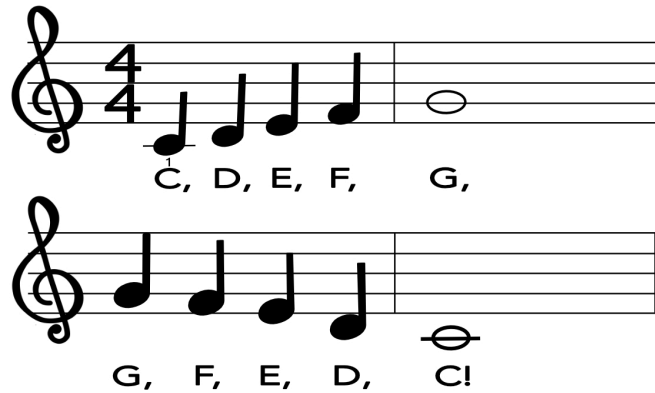
RIGHT HAND C POSITION



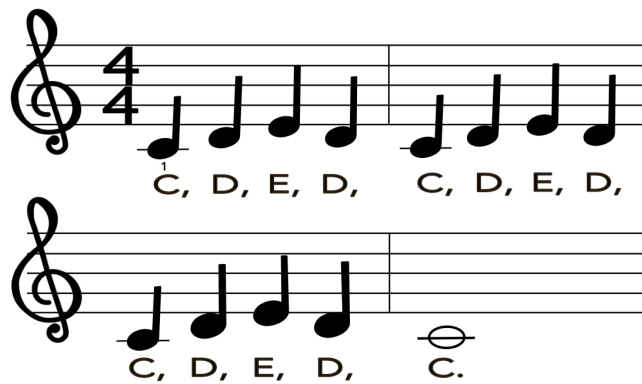
Step: A step goes from one note to the nearest line or space.

1. STEPPING UP AND DOWN

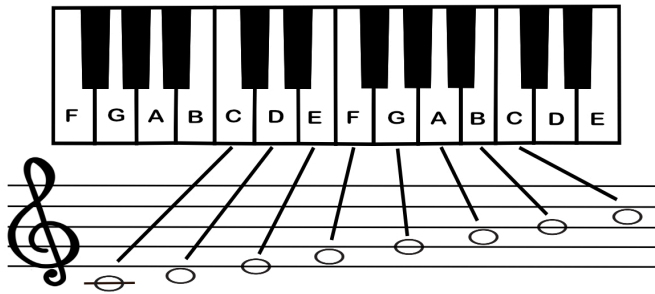
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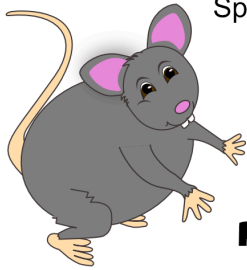
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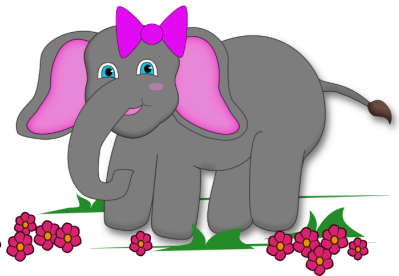
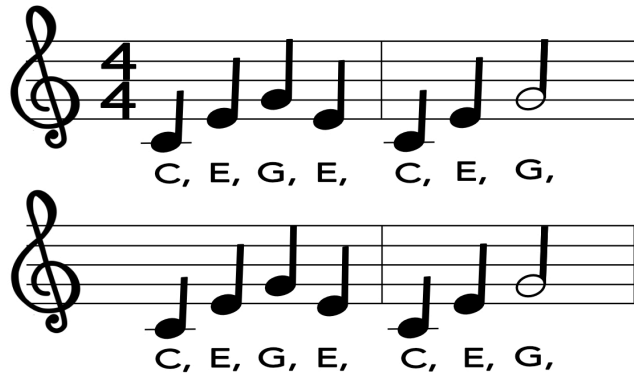


Skip: Skips are when line notes skip over the space to the nearest line note. Space notes skip over the line to the nearest space.



3. SKIPPING UP AND DOWN

RH



4. NICE SPRING DAY

