

PIANO QUEST

BOOK 1

NOTE READING LAUNCHPAD

A Fun Step-by-Step Piano Note Reading Workbook for Ages
7–10

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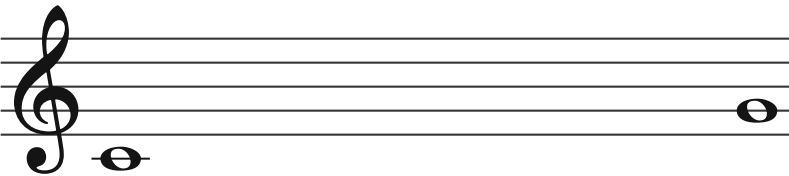
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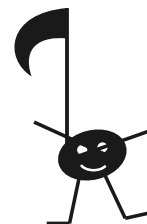
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Welcome, Adventurer!



Hello, adventurer! I'm Quaver, your note-reading guide. Together, we will explore musical islands, unlock landmark notes, follow secret patterns, and connect every note to the piano. Each short quest gives your eyes a new superpower. Start slowly, say each note name aloud, and find it on the keys. Mistakes are clues—they show you what to practise next. Colour a star whenever you finish a checkpoint. By the end, you will be ready to read tiny musical missions on your own. Pencil ready? Your Piano Quest begins now!



How to Use This Book

- ☆ Work for 5–10 minutes a day. Stop while the child still feels successful.
- ☆ Accuracy comes before speed. Timed quests are always optional.
- ☆ Ask the child to say note names aloud, then find the notes on the piano.
- ☆ Review one older page every few days. Short repeats build quick recall.
- ☆ If the child hesitates, ask: 'Which landmark is closest?' Do not give the answer immediately.
- ☆ Praise careful looking, self-correction, and steady progress—not only perfect scores.

A SIMPLE FOUR-STEP ROUTINE



Name it.



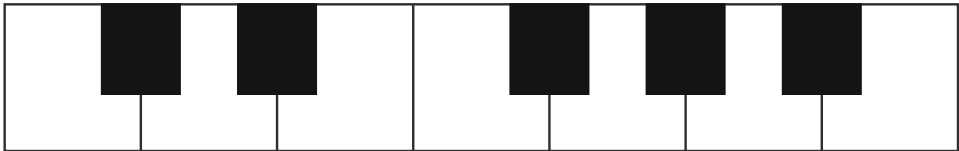
Point to the key.



Play it.

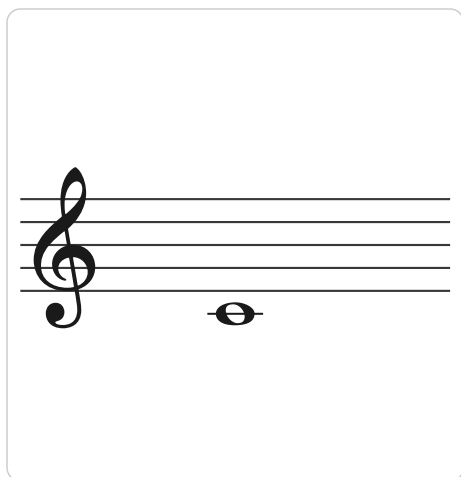


Check it.

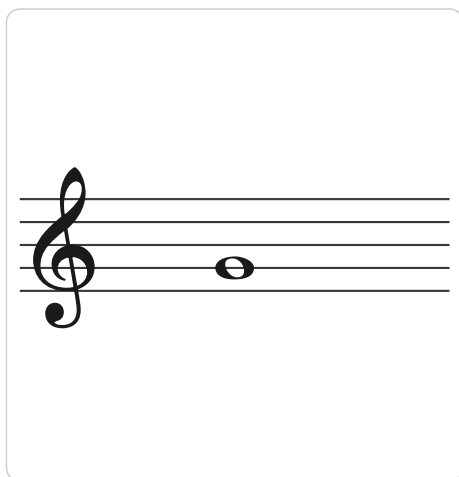


Important: Don't Count Every Line

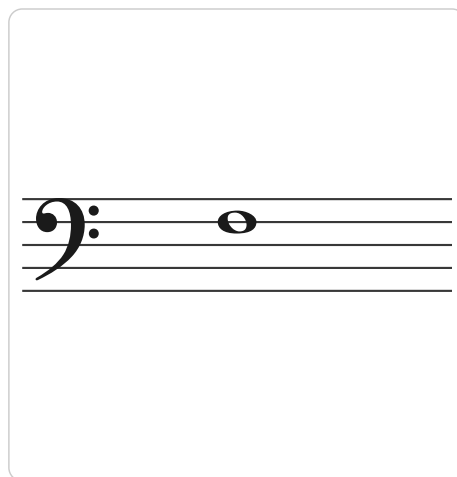
Counting up from the bottom line can make reading slow and fragile. Instead, help the child spot three familiar landmarks instantly: Middle C, Treble G, and Bass F. Then look at how a new note sits next to a landmark. Is it one step above, one step below, or a skip away? The goal is to see note shapes and neighbourhoods—not to recite a line-space rhyme for every note.



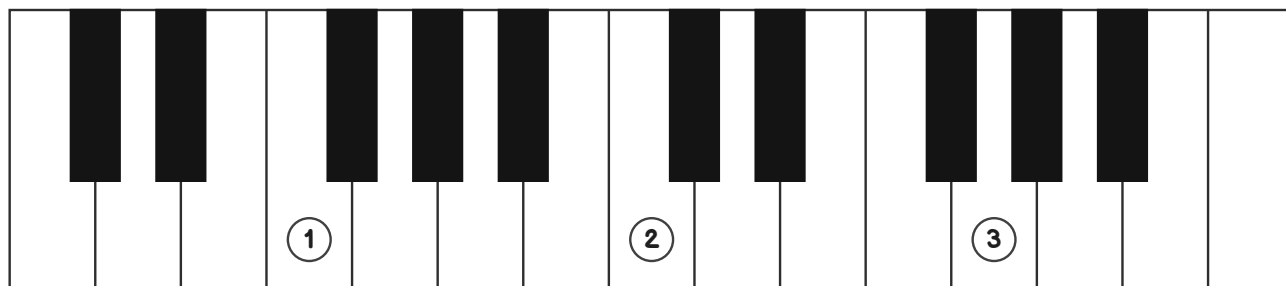
MIDDLE C



TREBLE G



BASS F



Bass F

Middle C

Treble G



Landmarks are your musical compass.

Your Piano Quest Map

Colour one star after each level.

1. Meet the Staff



6. Treble Note Explorer



2. Find Middle C



7. Bass Note Explorer



3. Treble G Territory



8. Steps & Skips



4. Bass F Territory



9. Grand Staff Challenge



5. Notes Around Middle C



10. Note Reading Champion



Meet the Staff

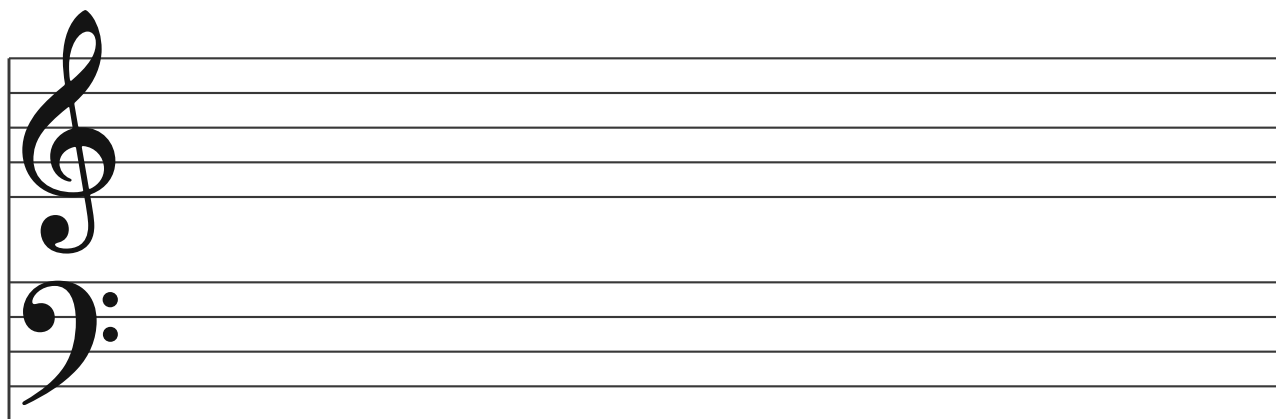


Welcome to Staff Island!

- ☆ A staff has five lines and four spaces.
- ☆ Treble clef guides higher notes.
- ☆ Bass clef guides lower notes.
- ☆ Two staves together make the grand staff.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Trace the five lines of each staff with your finger.



Notes can sit on a line or in a space.



Count the Lines

Count each staff. Write the numbers.

1.



Lines: ____

Spaces: ____

2.



Lines: ____

Spaces: ____

3.



Lines: ____

Spaces: ____

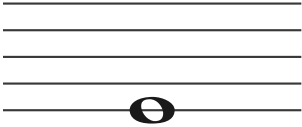
Trace the middle line on the staff.



Line or Space?

Circle LINE or SPACE.

1



LINE SPACE

2



LINE SPACE

3



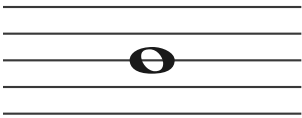
LINE SPACE

4



LINE SPACE

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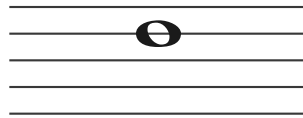
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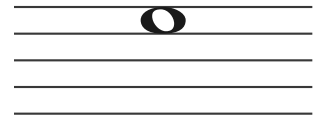
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LINE SPACE

8



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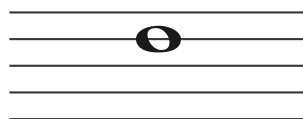
LINE SPACE

10



LINE SPACE

11



LINE SPACE

12



LINE SPACE



A line goes through a note on a line.

Going Up, Down, or Same?

Circle UP, DOWN, or SAME.

1



UP DOWN SAME

2



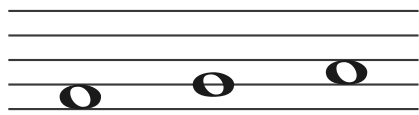
UP DOWN SAME

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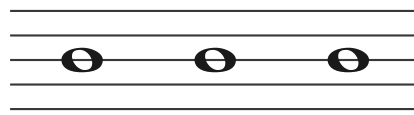
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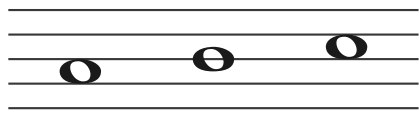
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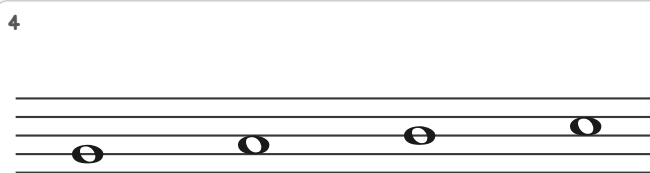
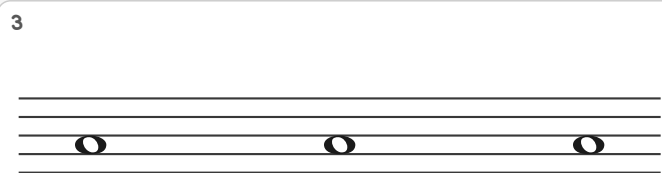
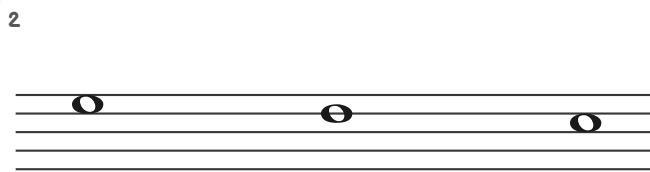
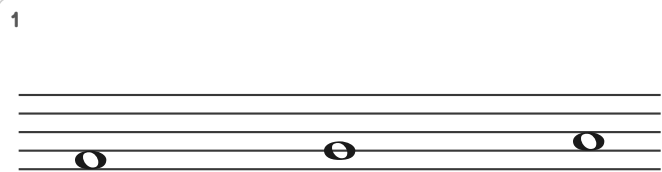
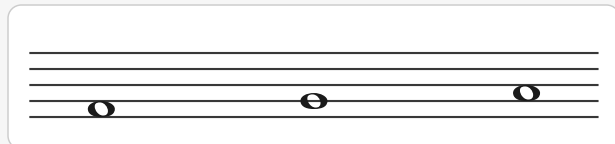


UP DOWN SAME

Staff Road, Piano Road

Circle the matching arrow — or SAME if the notes repeat.

Example: these notes go UP, so circle the RIGHT arrow.



Higher notes move to the ____ on the piano.

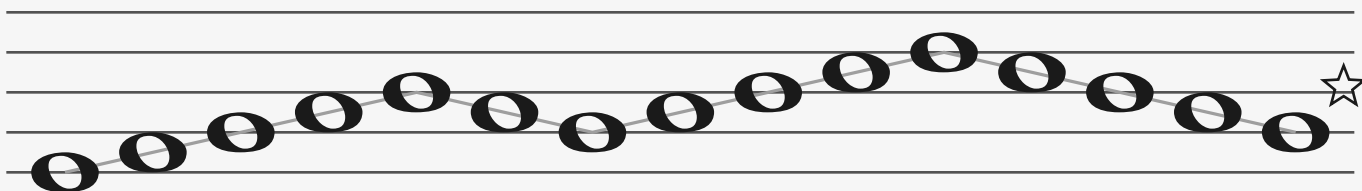
LEFT RIGHT



Higher on the staff means right on the piano.

Music Mountain

Trace the notes from START to the treasure. Say 'up,' 'down,' or 'same' as you move.



START

Mini review: circle LINE or SPACE.

1



LINE SPACE

2



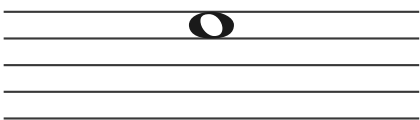
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LINE SPACE

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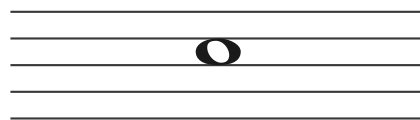
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LINE SPACE

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LINE SPACE

Staff Explorer Checkpoint

1–4. Circle LINE or SPACE.

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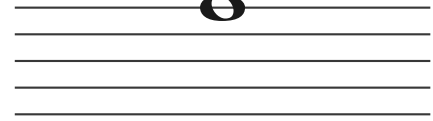
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LINE SPACE

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LINE SPACE

5–8. Circle UP, DOWN, or SAME.

1



UP DOWN SAME

2



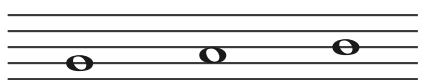
UP DOWN SAME

3



UP DOWN SAME

4



UP DOWN SAME

9–10. Complete the staff facts.

1. A staff has ____ lines.
2. A staff has ____ spaces.



STAFF EXPLORER

Colour your stars when you finish.



Find Middle C

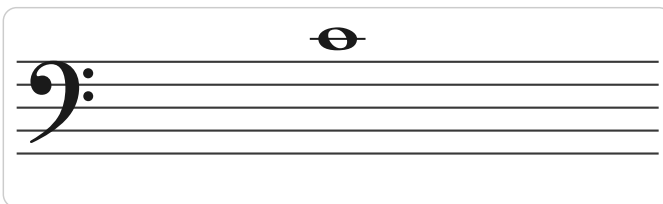
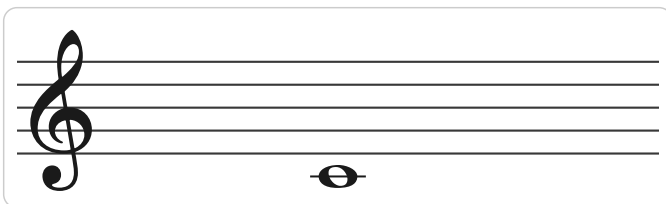


Welcome to Middle C Cove!

- ☆ Find a group of two black keys.
- ☆ C is the white key just to their left.
- ☆ Middle C is the C near the middle of the piano.
- ☆ On the grand staff, Middle C sits on its own short line.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Point to the two black keys, then slide left to Middle C.



MIDDLE OF THE PIANO



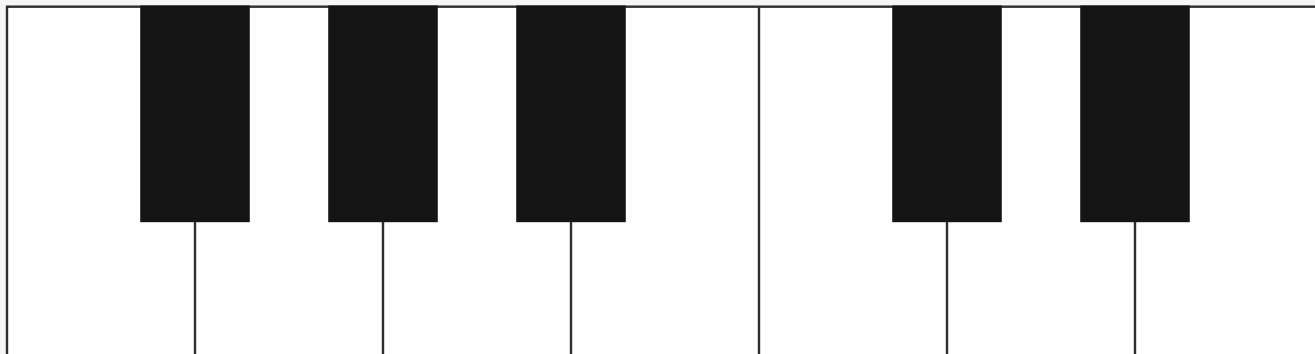
Two black keys—slide left to C.



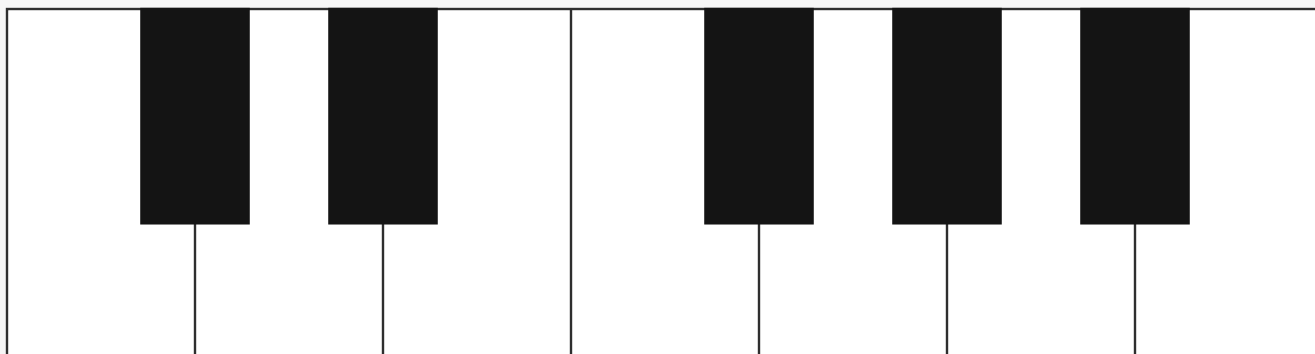
Find Middle C on the Keys

Circle Middle C in each keyboard strip.

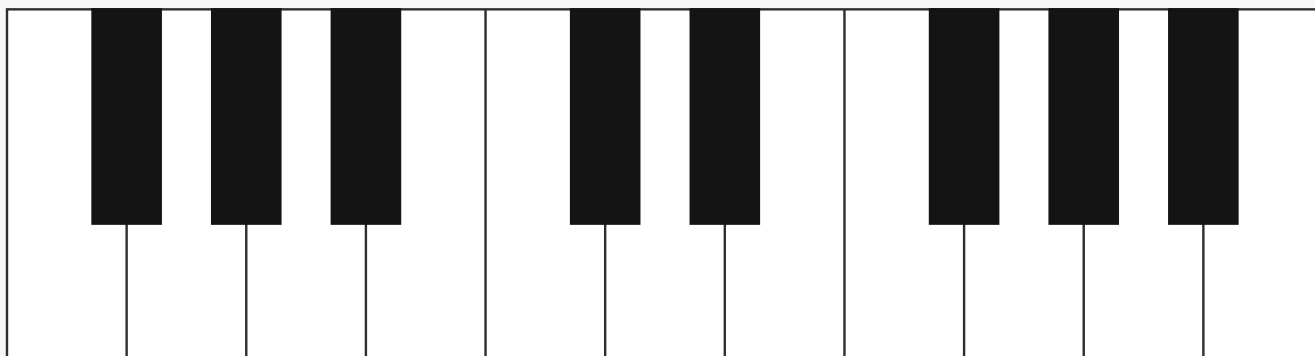
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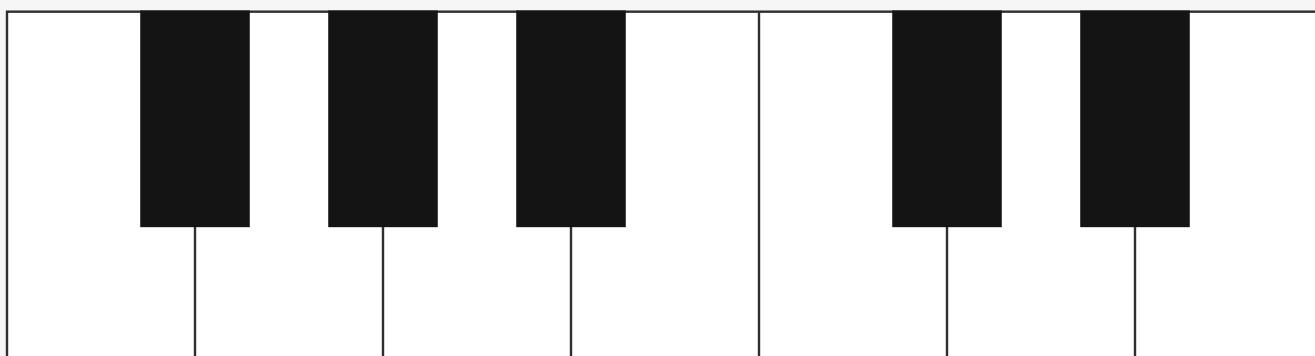
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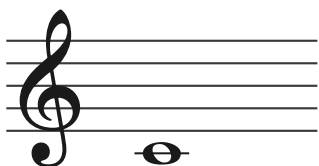
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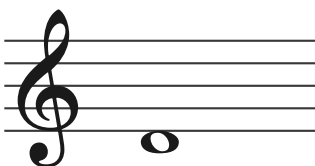
Spot Middle C

Circle only Middle C.

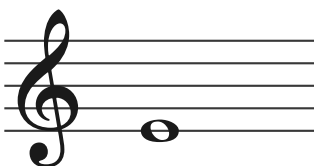
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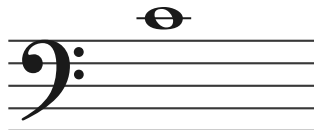
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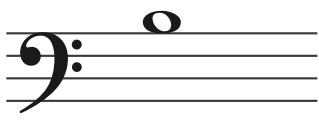
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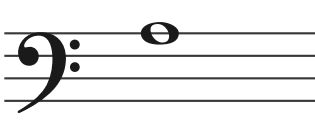
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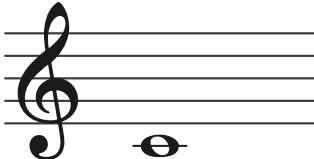
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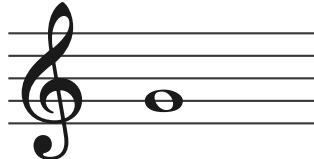
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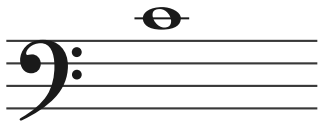
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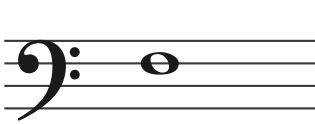
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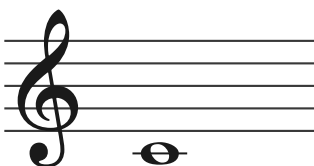
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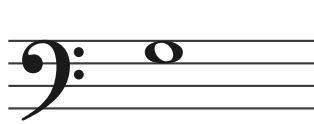
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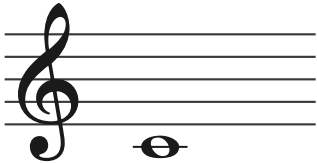
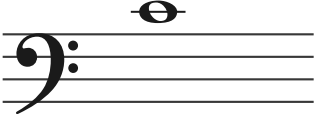
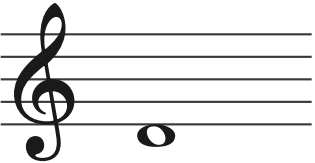
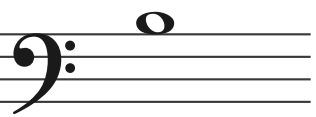
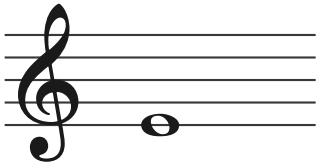
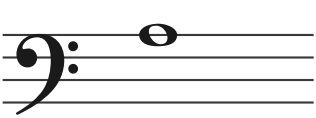
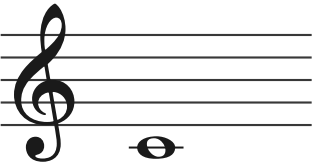
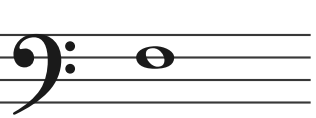
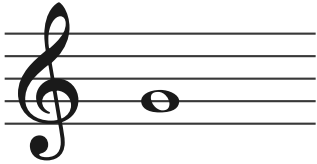
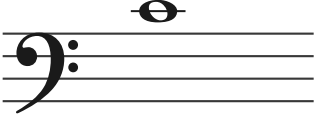
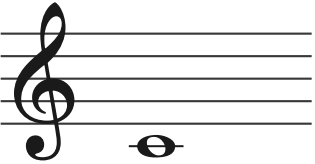
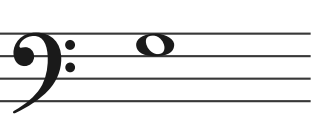
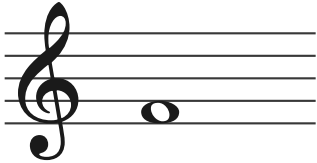
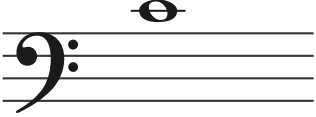
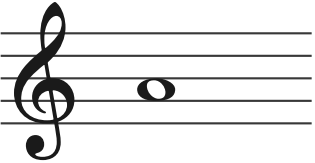


Look for the one short ledger line.



Middle C Detective

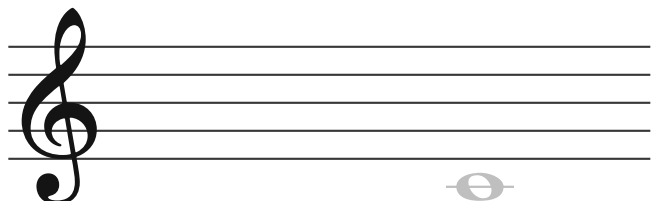
Put a detective check beside every Middle C.

1 ☐ 	2 ☐ 	3 ☐ 	4 ☐ 
5 ☐ 	6 ☐ 	7 ☐ 	8 ☐ 
9 ☐ 	10 ☐ 	11 ☐ 	12 ☐ 
13 ☐ 	14 ☐ 	15 ☐ 	

Draw Middle C

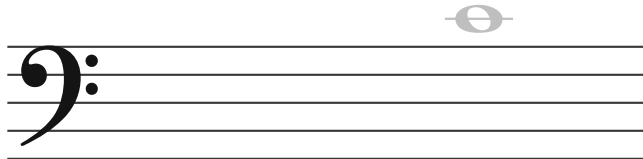
Draw Middle C on each staff. Add its short ledger line.

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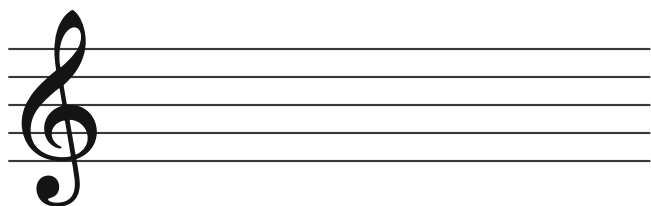
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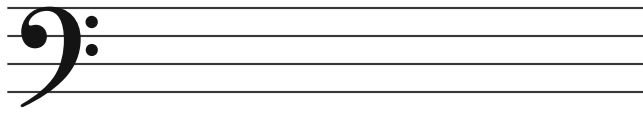
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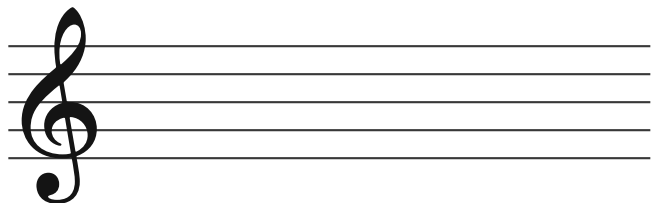
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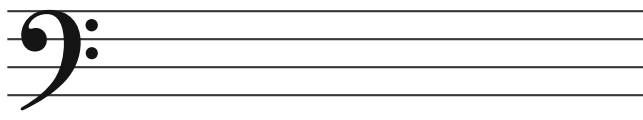
Draw C

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Draw C

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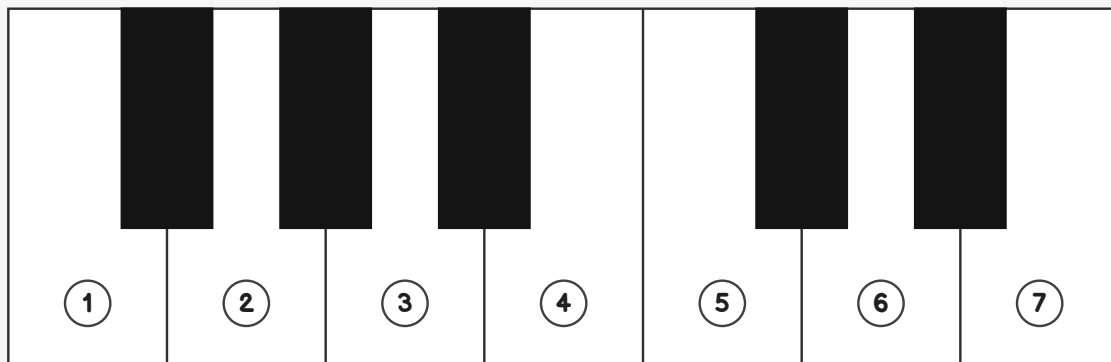
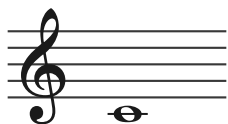
Draw C

☐ Check: Is the line through the note head?

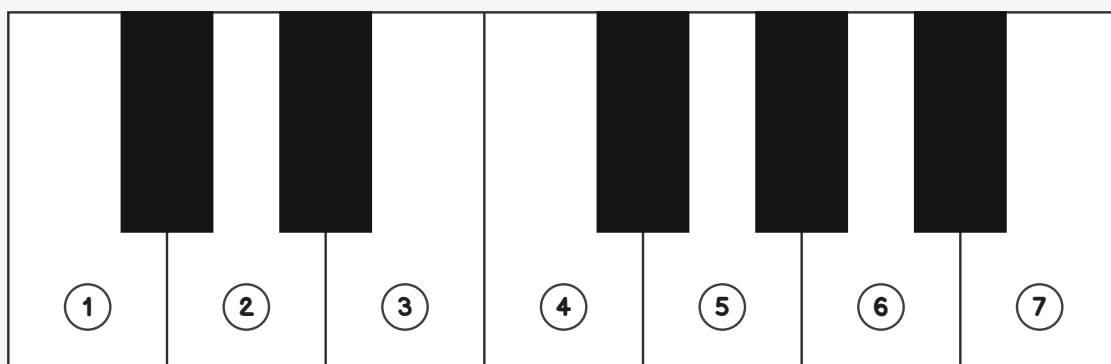
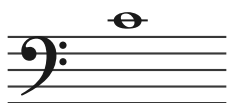
Piano Match

Follow each Middle C to the correct numbered key.

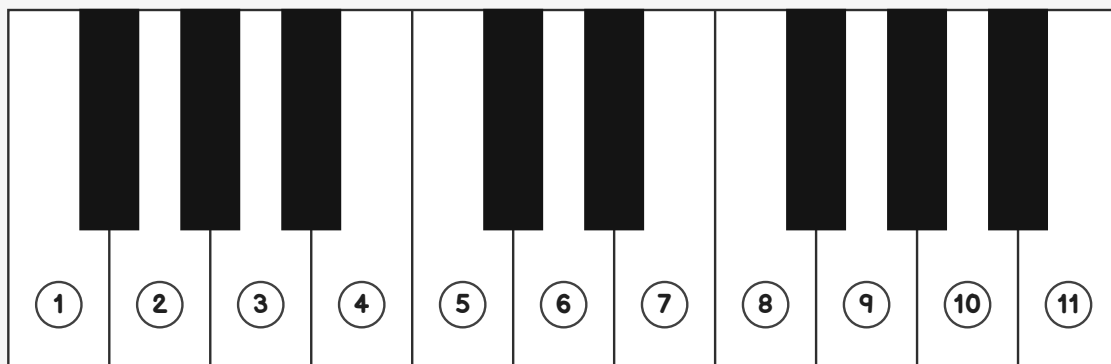
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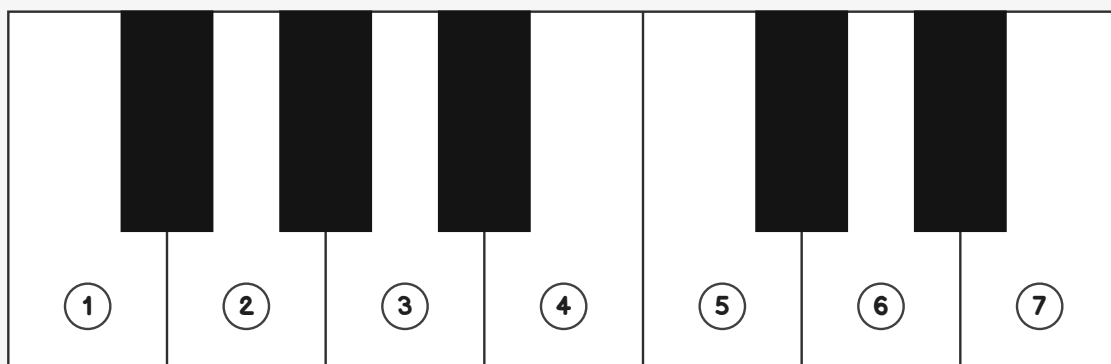
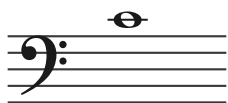
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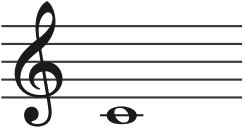
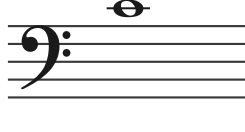
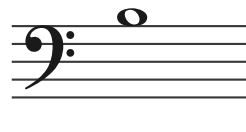
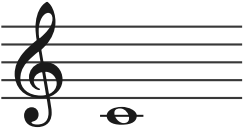
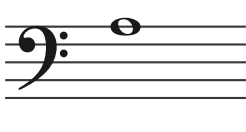
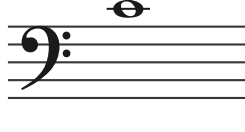
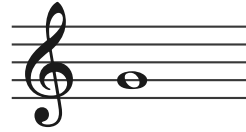
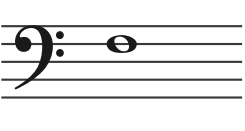
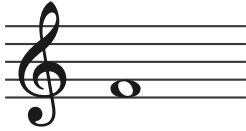
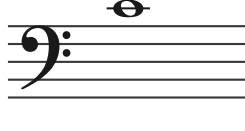
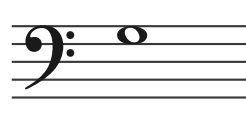
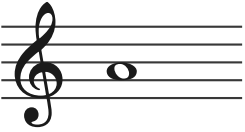
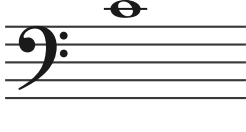
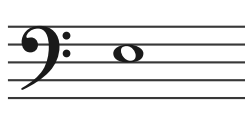
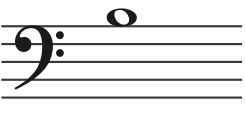
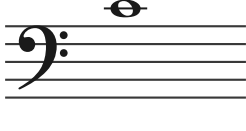
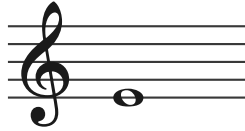
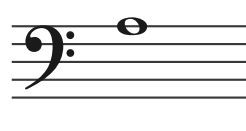


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Middle C Speed Quest

Can you find 10 Middle Cs? Try 30 seconds only if you want.

1 	2 	3 	4 	5 
6 	7 	8 	9 	10 
11 	12 	13 	14 	15 
16 	17 	18 	19 	20 
21 	22 	23 	24 	

My careful score: _____ / 10

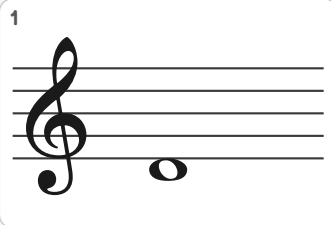
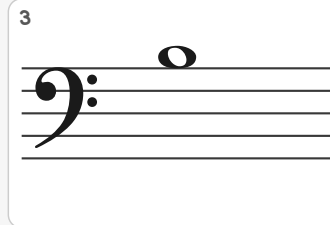
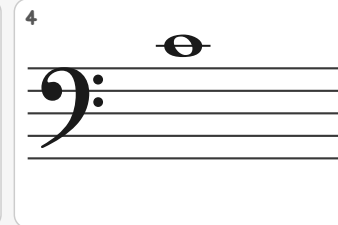
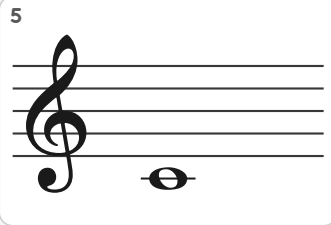
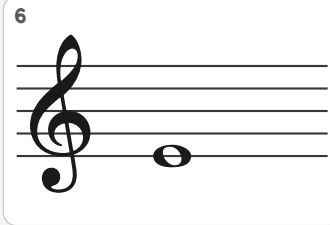
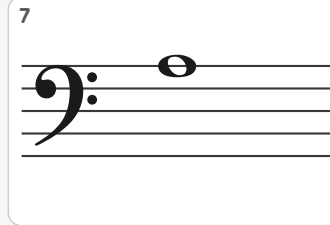
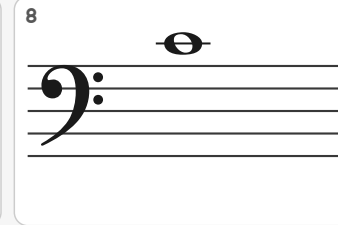
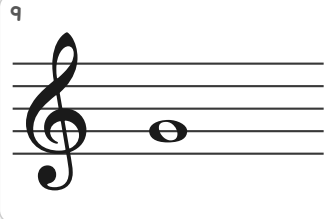
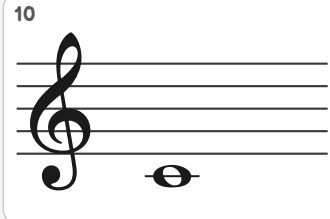
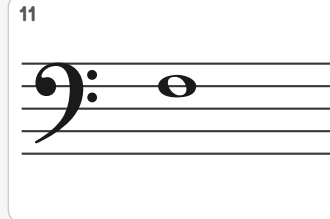
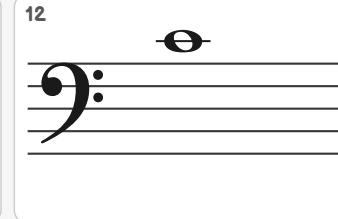


Accuracy first. Speed grows later.

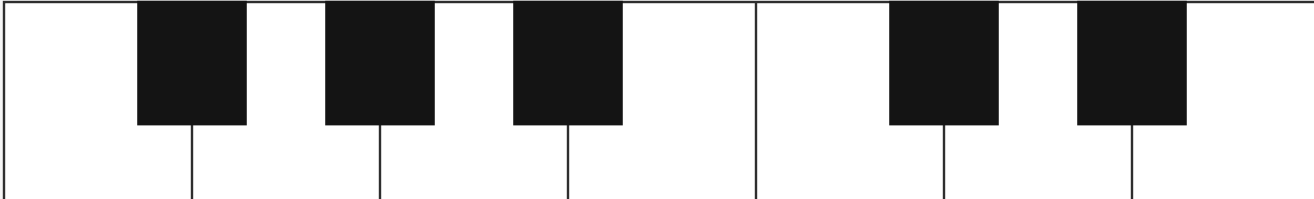
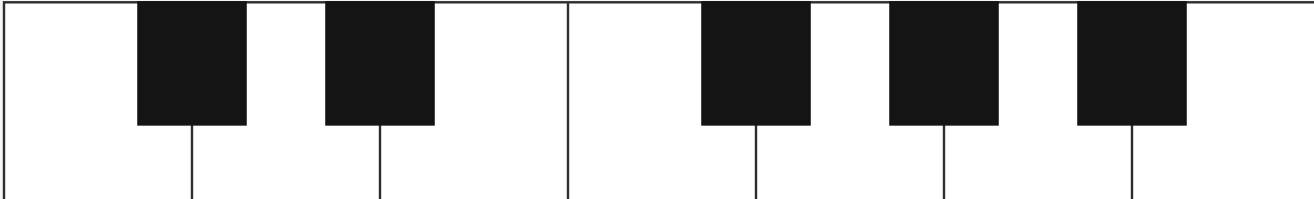


Middle C Badge

Circle every Middle C. Six of the twelve cards show one.

1 	2 	3 	4 
5 	6 	7 	8 
9 	10 	11 	12 

Now circle Middle C on each keyboard.

1.	
2.	



MIDDLE C DETECTIVE

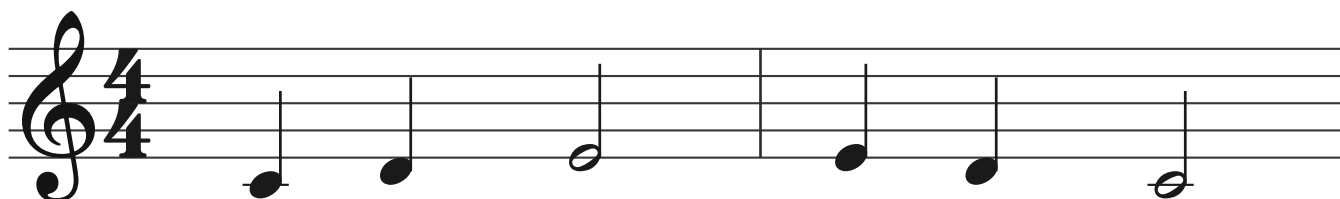
Colour your stars when you finish.



Challenge 5: Mini Missions 1–3

For each mission: name the notes, find the keys, then play slowly.

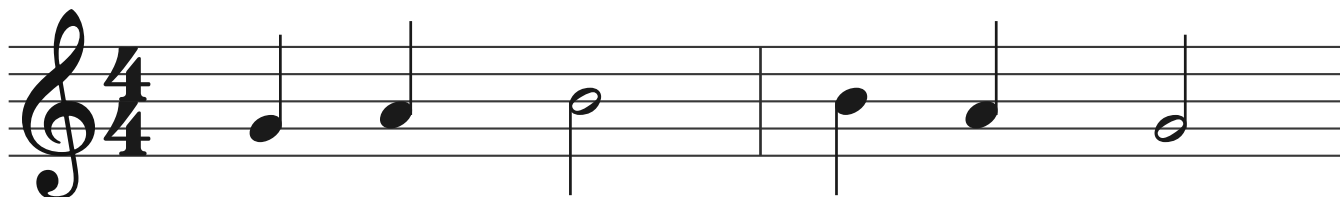
MISSION 1


☐ NAMED

☐ FOUND

☐ PLAYED

MISSION 2


☐ NAMED

☐ FOUND

☐ PLAYED

MISSION 3


☐ NAMED

☐ FOUND

☐ PLAYED

Preview the shape before you play.



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT



This certifies that

has completed

PIANO QUEST
BOOK 1
NOTE READING LAUNCHPAD

and has earned the title

NOTE READING CHAMPION

Teacher: _____ Date: _____

Answer Key — Levels 1 & 2

PAGE 8

Each staff: 5 lines and 4 spaces.

PAGE 10

UP, DOWN, SAME, UP, DOWN, SAME, UP, DOWN, SAME

PAGE 12

UP, UP, UP, UP, DOWN, DOWN, UP, UP, UP, UP, DOWN, DOWN,
DOWN, DOWN
LINE, SPACE, LINE, SPACE, LINE, SPACE

PAGE 15

C4; white-key positions from the left: 5, 1, 5, 5.

PAGE 17

Mark items 1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 14.

PAGE 20

Mark items 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22.

PAGE 9

LINE, SPACE, LINE, SPACE, LINE, SPACE, LINE, SPACE, LINE,
SPACE, LINE, LINE

PAGE 11

RIGHT, LEFT, SAME, RIGHT
RIGHT

PAGE 13

LINE, SPACE, LINE, SPACE
UP, DOWN, SAME, UP
5, 4

PAGE 16

Mark items 1, 4, 7, 9, 11.

PAGE 19

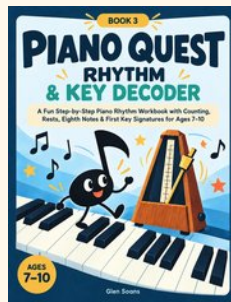
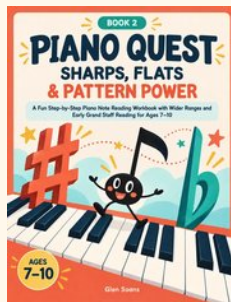
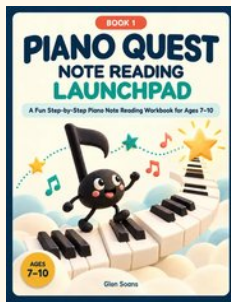
C4; white-key positions from the left: 5, 1, 5, 5.

PAGE 21

Mark items 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12.
C4; white-key positions from the left: 5, 1.

That's the end of the free sample

You have just seen the first two levels of Book 1, complete, with their answer key. The full book has ten levels, 108 pages, a 50-point final challenge, ten badges and a certificate.



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