

Learning the Piano Key Names in 3 Fast & Simple Steps begins on the next page.

In case you learn better with an instructor I wanted to let you know that there is an online video course available where I walk through all the exercises with you.



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This is Piano for people who want to play without years of training and without the need to learn to read or use sheet music.

- For learning to play piano
- Playing piano for fun
- Playing Piano in Personal worship
- Playing Piano With other Musicians
- Playing Piano In Groups, (like church groups or bands, or just friends and family.)

A short note from the author:

Hi my name is Victor and I love to see people grow and do things they thought may be out of their reach, like playing the piano. I hope this simplified way to understand the names of the keys on a piano will encourage you in knowing that there is a way to play and learn the piano that is not so complicated or difficult as most may think. The 3 steps to learning the names of the keys include, mindset, learning the white keys and then learning how knowing the name of the white keys gives you all you need to identify the black keys!

Step 1. Mindset about learning the Piano Key Names

I created the exercise in this short document in the form of a workbook to help anyone learn the piano key names.

Knowing the names of the keys on the keyboard is a critical step in learning how to play the piano, but it is not at all as difficult as you may think.

If you know your alphabet from A to G, you can know the names of the keys on a piano!
You can do this! (I'm keeping this short because IT IS THAT EASY!)

No stickers or rhymes or any other thing like that because once you start play songs on the piano those methods can really slow you down and become walls. Keep it simple, follow the steps and have some fun!

Once you know the names of the White Keys everything else will become super easy to understand when you want to start playing your first song.

Step 2. Learn the Name of the White Keys

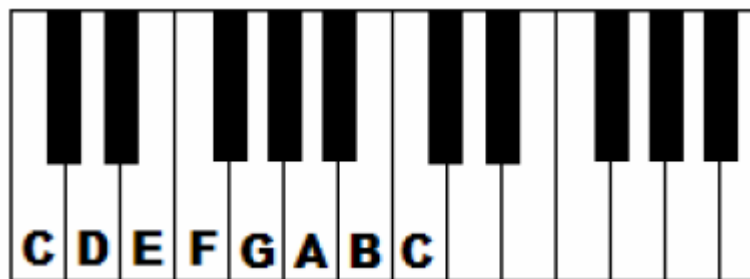
In music the alphabet starts with the letter C, goes thru G, then A, B and then C again.
So think about it like this C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C then repeat over and over.
But first we must know how to find C.

Look at the keyboard and notice the pattern created by the black keys. Two, then Three, then Two and so on....
C is the White key immediately to the left of every black-key pair.



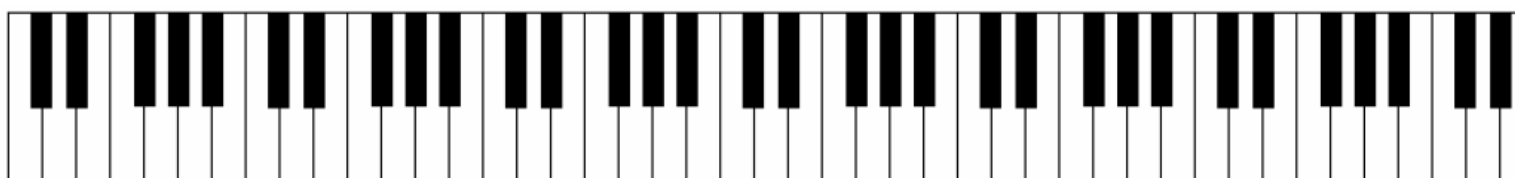
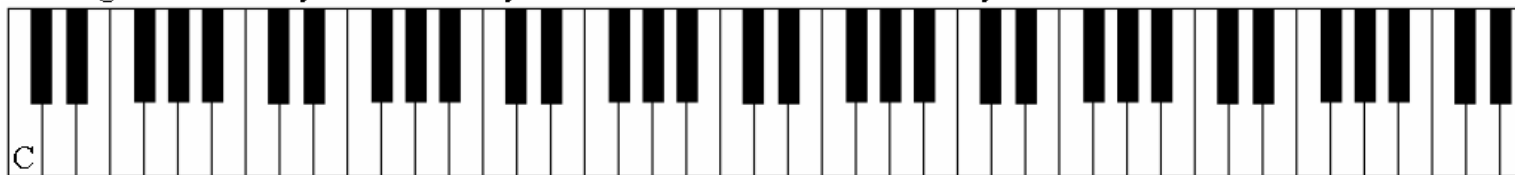
Print out the worksheets and follow the instructions to practice and learn the names of the white keys. In Step 3 you'll learn the easy way to know the names of the black keys. Try the exercises with the white keys and be sure to be comfortable with their names before going on to step 3.

Exercise: Learning the White Keys In music the alphabet starts with the letter C, goes thru G, then A, B and then C again. So it goes C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C.

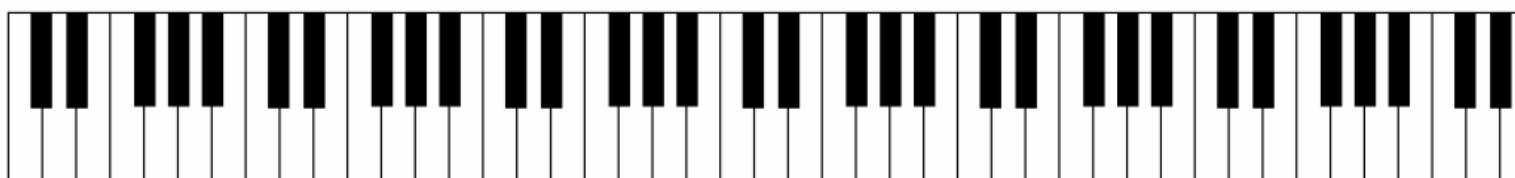
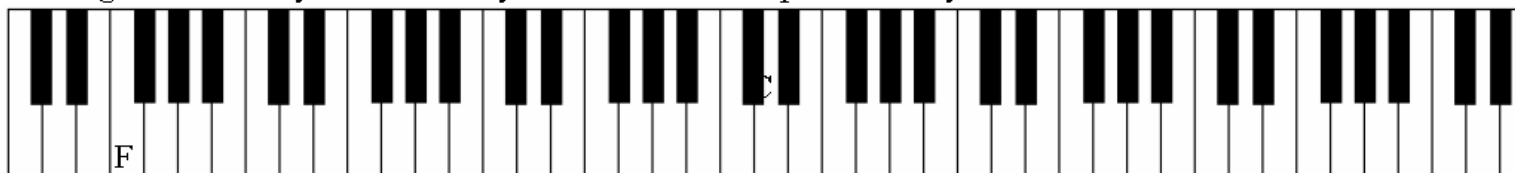


(Do the exercises below as instructed several times as needed to learn the white key names.)

Finding C. it is always the white key to the left of the Double black keys. Write a C on each one below.



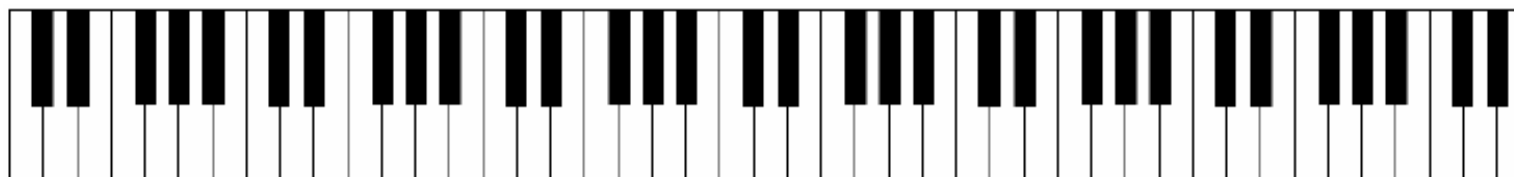
Finding F. it is always the white key to the left of the triple black keys. Write F on each one below.



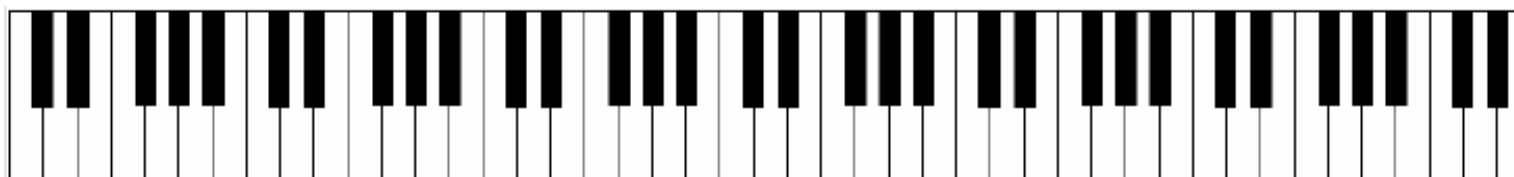
test: C & F. Write C and F on each key below.



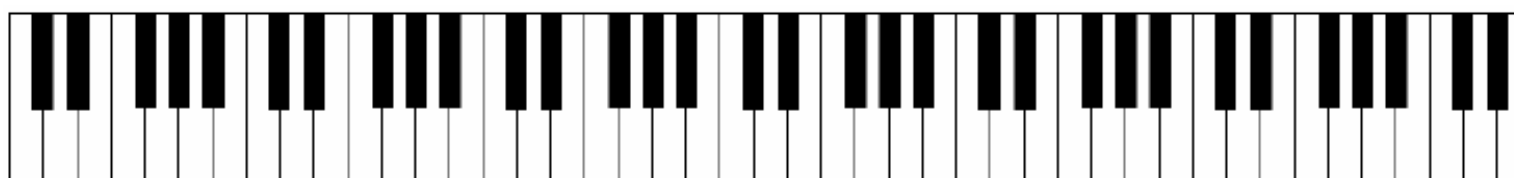
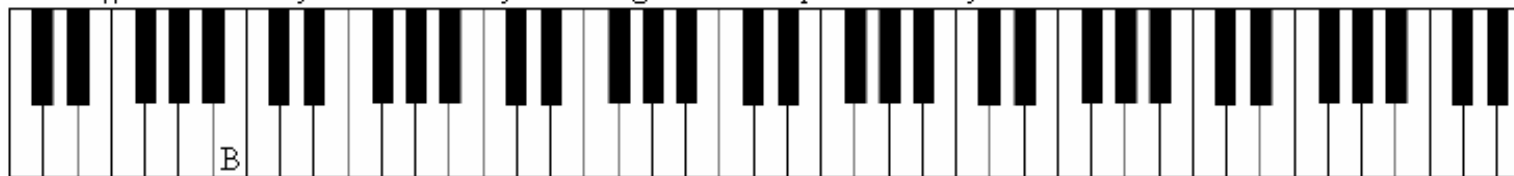
Finding E. it is always the white key to the right of the Double black keys. Write a E on each one below.



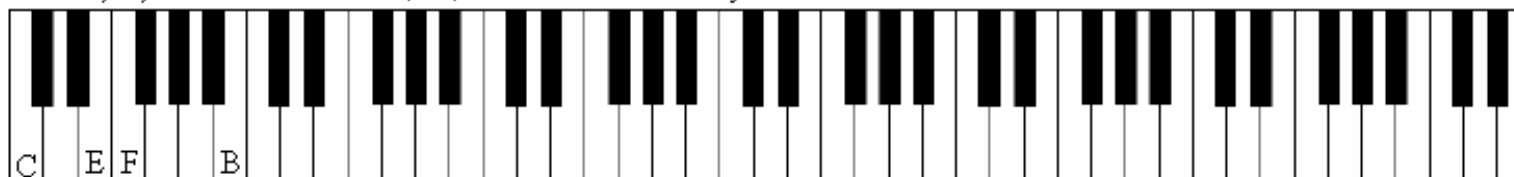
test: C, E, and F. Write C, E and F on each key below.



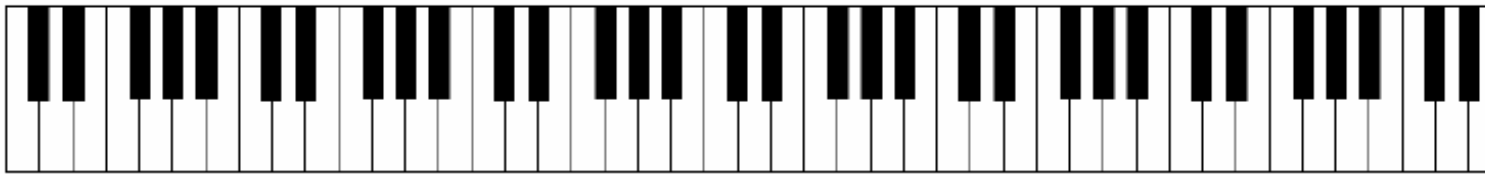
Finding B. it is always the white key to the right of the triple black keys. Write B on each one below.



test: C, E, F & B. Write C, E, F and B on each key below.



Finding D. it is always the white key in the middle of the Double black keys. Write a D on each one below.



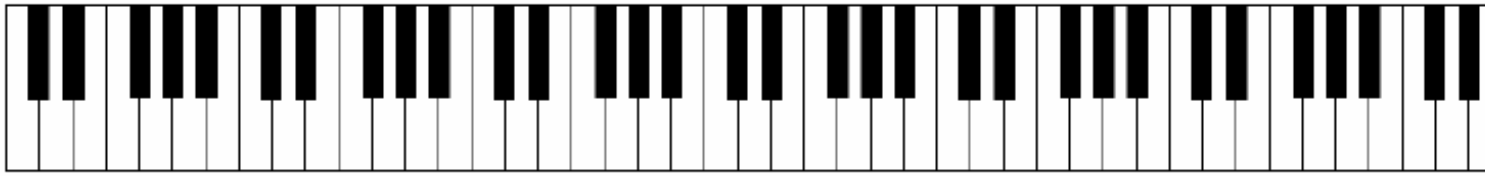
test: C, D, E, F & B. Write C, D, E, F and B on each key below.



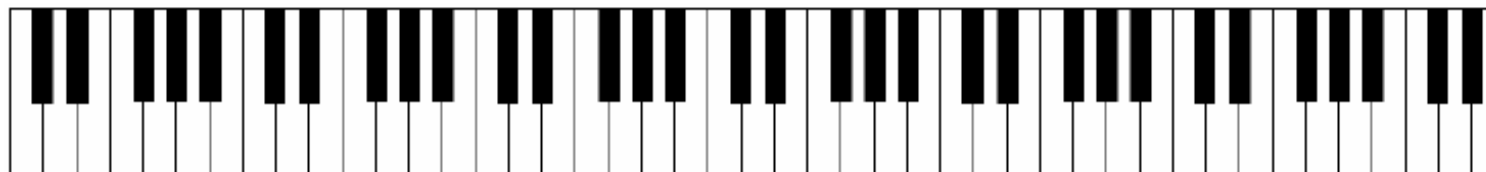
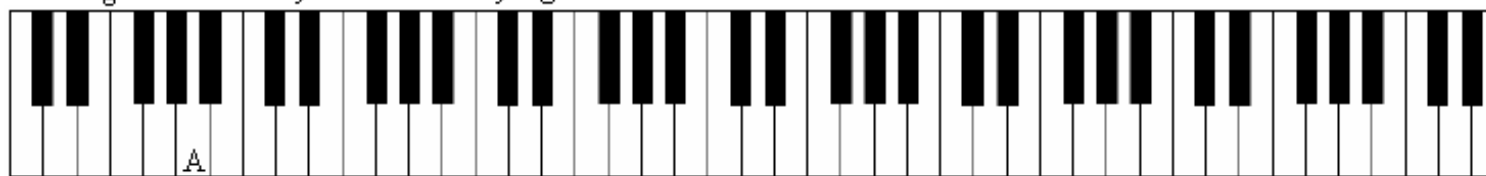
Finding G. it is always the white key right of the first triple black key. Write a G on each one below.



test: C, D, E, F, G & B. Write C, D, E, F, G and B on each key below.



Finding A. it is always the white key right of the G. Write A on each one below.



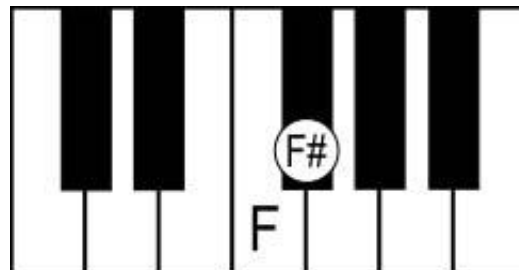
test: C, D, E, F, G, A & B. Write C, D, E, F, G, A and B on each key below.



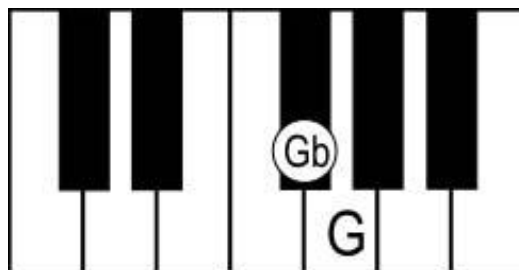
Step 3. The Names of the black keys!

1) Black keys are called by a letter name followed by “Sharp” or “Flat”, a G Sharp is written G# and a G Flat is written Gb.

- a) “#” symbols called “sharp”s are like the + (plus) sign in math, they mean that their letter-named white key is one key to the left of the black key. In other words when you move from a white key + 1 key to the right or up it is called the original white key’s name and # (sharp). So if you look at your keyboard and see the white key named F, F# is the first black key to its right.



- b) “b” symbols called “flat”s are like the – (minus) sign in math, they mean that their letter-named white key is one key to the right of the black key. In other words when you move from a white key – 1 key to the left or down it is called the original white key’s name and b (flat). So if you look at your keyboard and see the white key named G, Gb is the first black key to its left.



- c) All black keys have 2 names. A # (sharp) name and a b (flat) name. in the pictures above you see that F# and Gb are actually the same physical key. Then important thing to know is that if someone asked you to find a C#, or any other key with sharps or flats, can you?

The main thing to remember is the names of the white keys, they are the Key to finding all the keys on the keyboard...(pun intended).

EXTRA FUN:

Have a friend , or close your eyes and, pick any key at random on the keyboard and name the key correctly 10 times in a row.

How is this the biggest step to learning how to play any song you want to play?

Once you know the names of the keys then I can teach you how to play any song you like on the piano using the simplest method I’ve ever seen.

I’ve always loved the saying, “**Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for life.**”

I can teach you how to play one song you’d like to learn, **or** I can teach you how you can learn any song you’d like yourself!

I’ll repeat this in different words.

I can teach you how to play one single song OR provide you with the tools and understanding to be able to learn how to play any song you want to yourself!

Ready for the NEXT STEP? [CLICK HERE](#)

What to do if you need help?

If you have any questions or need some help then please [contact me](#) and I’ll respond to you!
I hope to help you on your journey in playing piano!