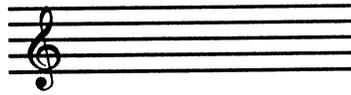
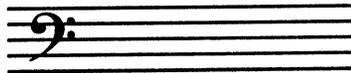


# CLEF SIGN

The clef sign is a sign placed at the beginning of a staff to determine the position of the notes.



Treble clef

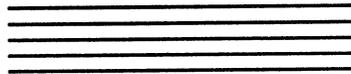


Bass clef

\*The guitar player reads music in the treble clef, so for awhile we will concern ourselves with that clef only.

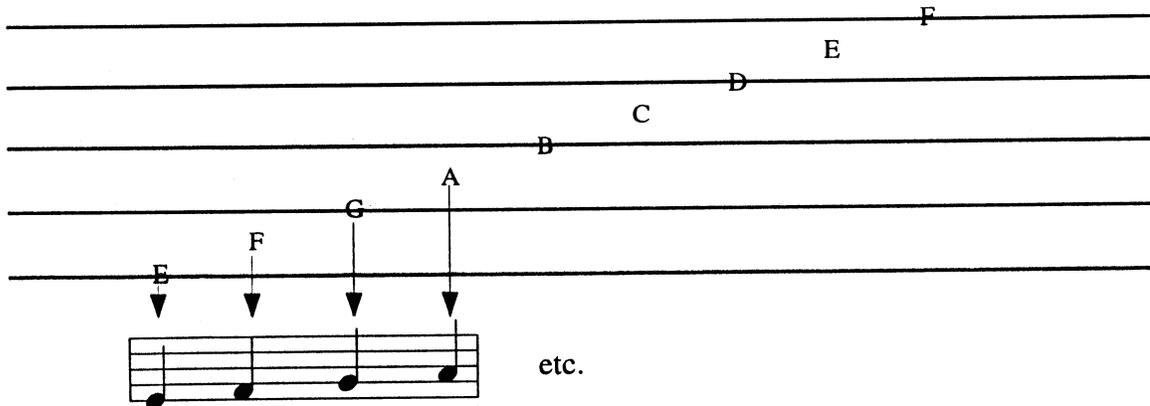
# STAFF OR STAVE

The staff is a group of horizontal lines with their spaces on which music is written.



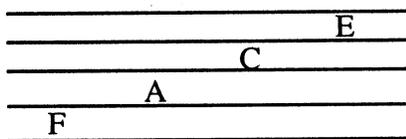
Staff

Each line and space has a letter, or rather note name, assigned to it.

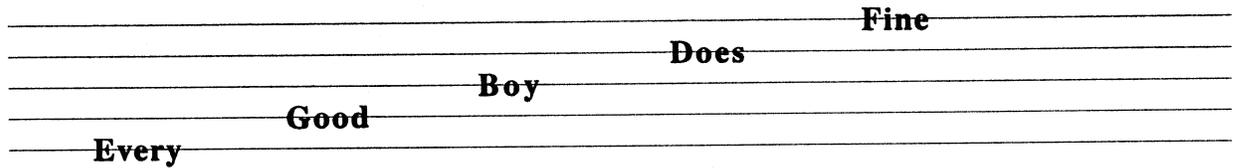


Going from line to space line to space, the notes proceed in an alphabetical order.

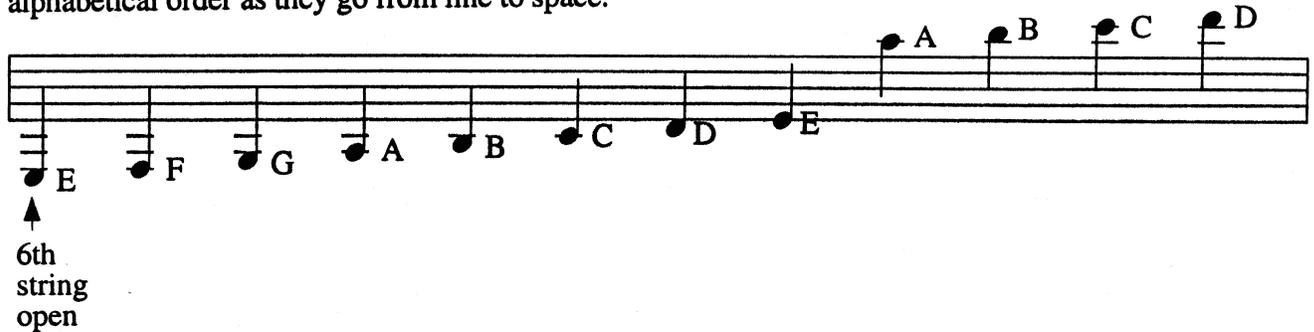
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As a learning tool, the following sentence may be used to help you memorize the name of the lines on the staff.

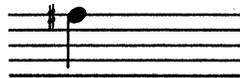


The notes also continue above and below the staff. Once again proceeding in an alphabetical order as they go from line to space.

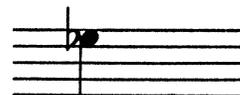


## (#) SHARP

Sharp, as we already know, means to raise a note up a half step. It is interesting to notice that the sharp sign, #, appears after the letter: F#...but appears before the note as that note is seen on the staff:



The same principal holds true for the flat symbol: Eb or



SHARPS and FLATS are referred to as accidentals. The term "accidental" means a chromatically altered note.

# EXERCISE #4

Identify the following notes. Above each note put the letter name of that note. The first one is done as an example. Don't forget the accidentals (# b).

The exercise consists of seven horizontal staves of music. Each staff contains a sequence of notes with various accidentals. The first note on the first staff is labeled 'F#'. The notes on the staves are as follows:

- Staff 1: F# (labeled), G, A, Bb, C, D, E, F#
- Staff 2: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G
- Staff 3: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G
- Staff 4: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G
- Staff 5: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G
- Staff 6: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G
- Staff 7: G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G