

Piano Note Detective

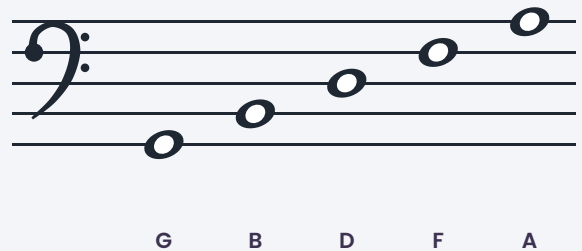
Bass Lines & Spaces Lab

Every line and every space of the bass staff, from the bottom line G up to Middle C.
Read them from anchors, find them on the low keys, and catch the false labels.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: the five lines
- Name, draw and check line notes
- Find the false label
- Paper keyboard and answers



G B D F A

- 1 Line or space?
- 2 Find an anchor
- 3 Count from it
- 4 Check on the keys

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For beginners reading the whole bass staff · Four sittings of about 15 minutes · With a grown-up

How the case file works

Four cases, about 15 minutes each.

For a beginner who has met Bass F or Middle C and is ready for the whole bass staff. Case 1 is the five lines, Case 2 the four spaces, Case 3 reads any note from an anchor, and Case 4 finds each note on the low keys, below Middle C.

EACH CASE

The story	Read it aloud together. It says what the detective is looking for.
Learn	The rule for this case, with a picture. Point at it while you read it.
Tasks	Short tasks that use the rule. Each one has a single right answer (except play tasks).
Clue	The last task gives a clue for the final question.

YOU NEED

- A pencil
- A piano or keyboard if you have one, or the paper keyboard near the end (its low row has the deepest bass-staff notes)
- Four short sittings, one case each

GOOD TO KNOW

- Lines are counted from the bottom: the bottom line is the 1st line, G.
- The book uses no sayings for the lines or spaces; anchors name real lines, so they are reliable.
- Every note on the bass staff is a key below Middle C. Middle C itself sits on a ledger line above the staff.

NOT A METHOD BOOK

Bass-clef note practice for beginners, not piano lessons. Note reading and keyboard practice only: no sharps, flats or key signatures.

Case 1: The Five Lines

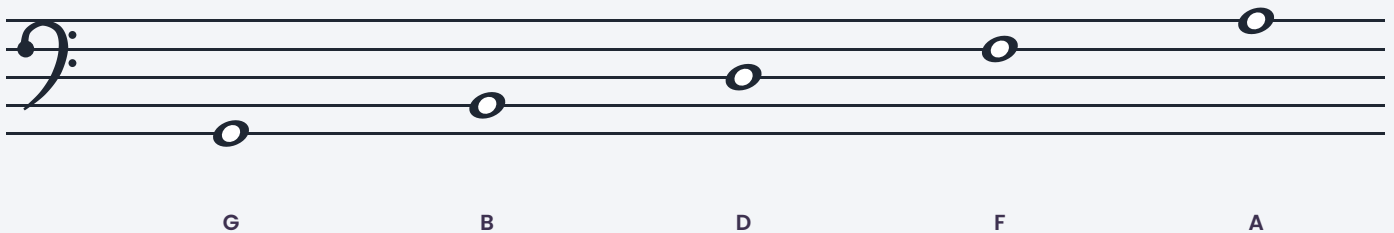
The lines of the bass staff, bottom to top: G, B, D, F, A

THE STORY

The Saturday Band practices in the school gym. Before the concert, the drummer's drumsticks went missing from the music cart. On the cart, someone left a page of low notes with the letters scratched out. Read the page, Detective: it tells who borrowed the sticks.

LEARN

- The bass staff has five lines. From the bottom: G, B, D, F, A.
- Anchors: the bottom line is G, the 4th line is F (between the clef's two dots), the top line is A.
- Going up one line skips one letter: G (A) B (C) D.



1 Write the letter of each line note.

1 2 3 4 5

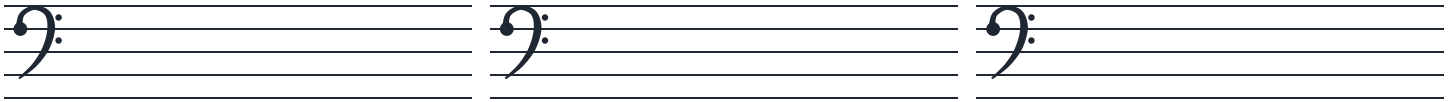
Case 1: The Five Lines (continued)

2 Draw each note on its line.

Draw B

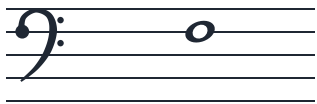
Draw D

Draw A



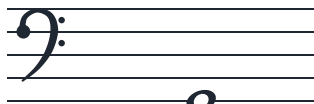
3 Four labels were left on the page, and one is false. Circle it and write the true letter.

NOTE A



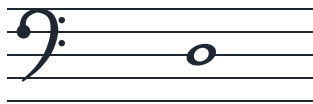
F

NOTE B



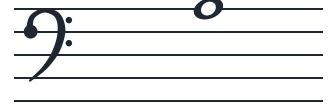
E

NOTE C



D

NOTE D



A

CLUE 1

The first letter of the borrower's name is the true letter of the note with the false label.



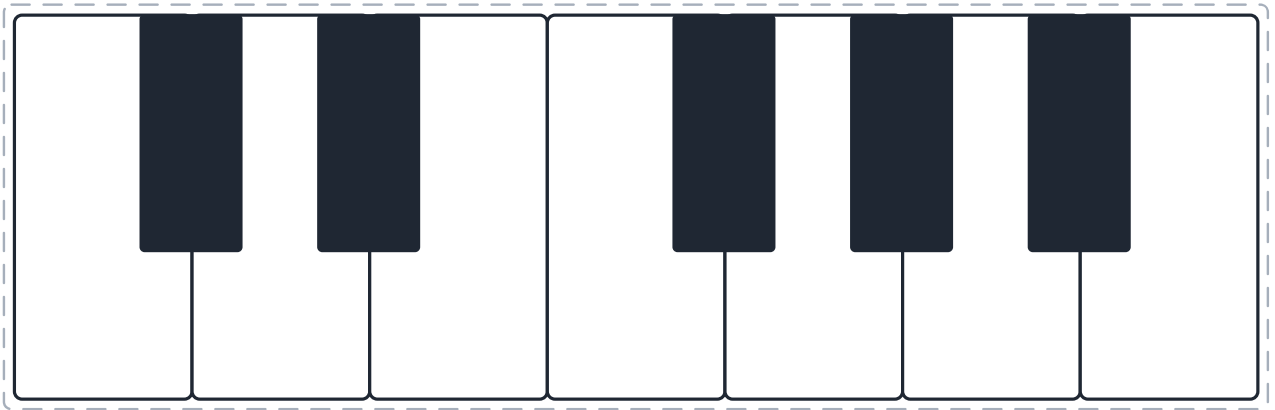
Clue:

Copy it onto the answer line of the final question.

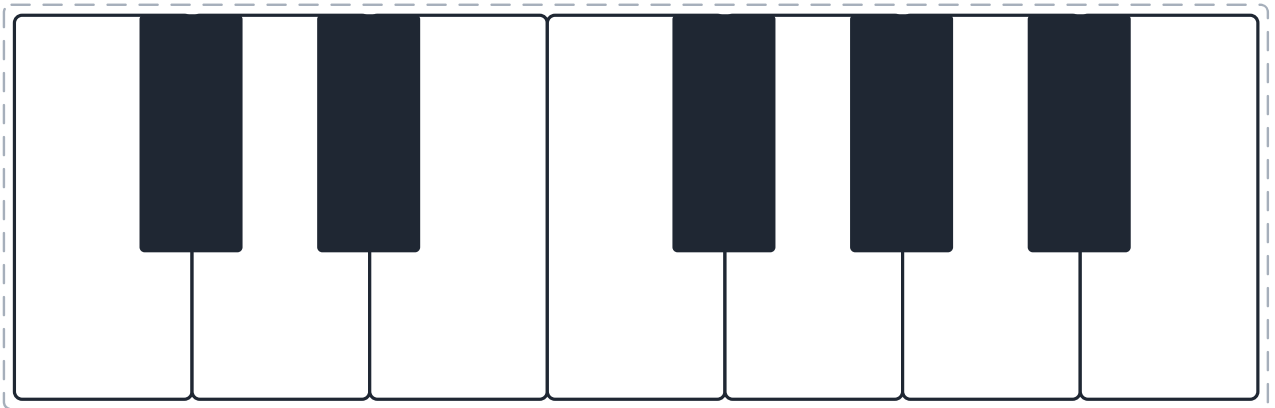
Paper keyboard

Cut out the rows and tape them in order, low to high. White keys are about as wide as a real piano's.

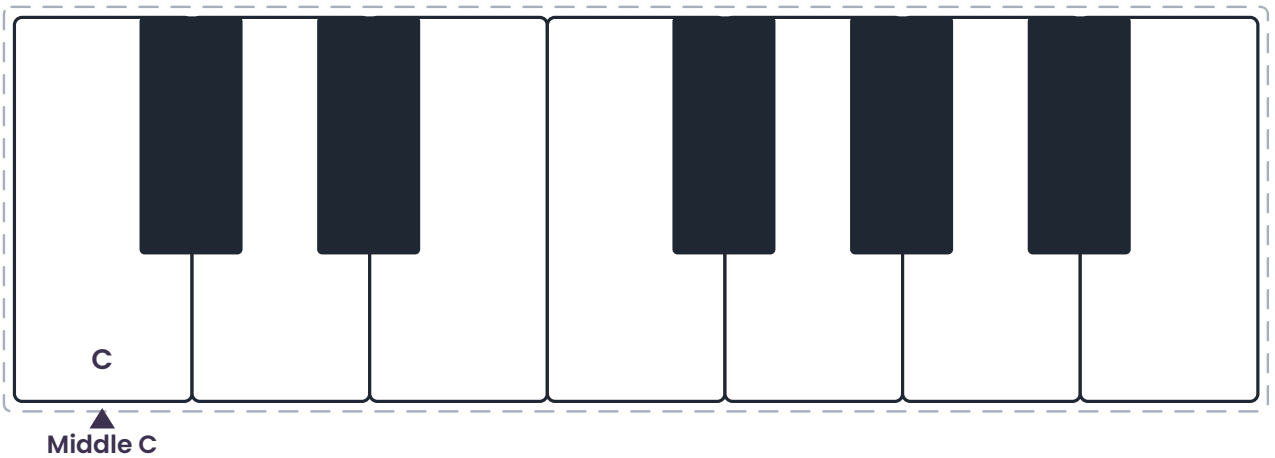
Lowest



Low



Middle



Only Middle C is labeled: finding the other keys is the detective's job. Tape the rows edge to edge (low on the left) to make one long keyboard.

Case 1 answers

Every answer comes with its reason. Read the reasons aloud: they teach.

CASE 1 · THE FIVE LINES

Task 1

1 G · 2 F · 3 B · 4 A · 5 D

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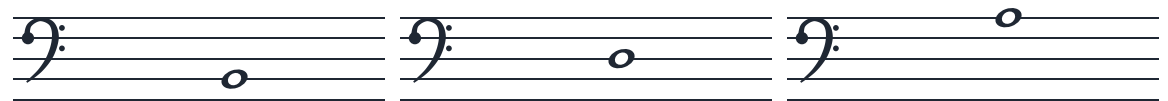
bass 1st line is G2. bass 4th line is F3. bass 2nd line is B2. bass 5th line is A3. bass 3rd line is D3.

Task 2

B2: bass 2nd line · D3: bass 3rd line · A3: bass 5th line

PND08-C1-T2

B2 is on the bass 2nd line. D3 is on the bass 3rd line. A3 is on the bass 5th line.



Task 3

Note B is false: it says E, but it is G.

PND08-C1-T3

It sits on the bass 1st line, which is G2.

Clue 1

G (the true letter of the false label in task 3)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Bass Lines & Spaces Lab has three more cases: the four spaces, reading from anchors, and every note on the low keys, with a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.