FREE SAMPLE · CASE 1

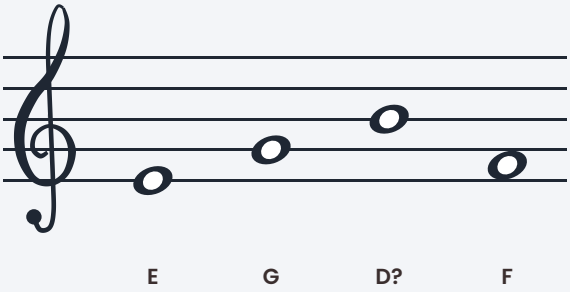
Piano Note Detective

Find the Music Notation Mistake

The printer made mistakes in the concert program. Find the one wrong label in each set, the bar that does not add up, and the time signature that should have been printed, and explain each one.

IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: wrong treble labels
- Find the one mistake
- Draw the correction
- Answers with reasons



1. **Name it yourself first**
2. **Compare with the label**
3. **Find the one mistake**
4. **Explain and correct it**

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For beginners who name notes on both staffs and count beats · 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 names notes on both staffs and counts beats. Every prompt in this book has exactly one mistake: one wrong label, one bar that does not add up, or one wrong time signature. The detective finds it, says why it is wrong, and writes or draws the correction.

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
- Four short sittings, one case each

GOOD TO KNOW

- Name each note yourself before reading its label.
- Exactly one mistake per prompt: when you find it, check the rest are right.
- Say why: "That note is on the 3rd line of the treble staff, so it is B, not D."

NOT A METHOD BOOK

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

Case 1: Wrong Labels on the Treble Staff

Check each treble label against its line or space

THE STORY

The school printer made the concert program overnight, and some note names came out wrong. The conductor's lucky charm is hidden somewhere, and the corrected letters spell where.

LEARN

- Name each note yourself first, from a landmark: treble G on the 2nd line.
- Then compare with the printed label.
- There is exactly one wrong label in each set.

E: 1st line G: 2nd line B: 3rd line D: 4th line

1 One label is wrong. Which note is it?

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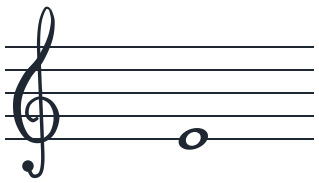

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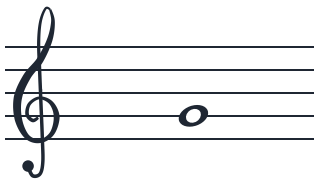

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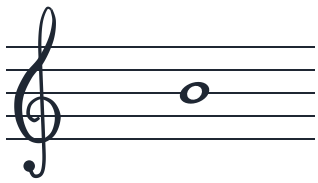

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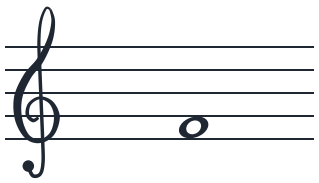

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Case 1: Wrong Labels on the Treble Staff (continued)

2 One label is wrong. Which note is it?

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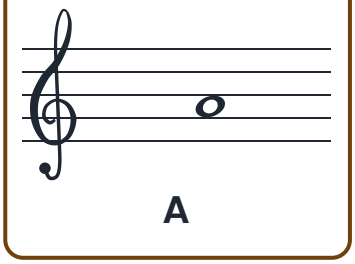

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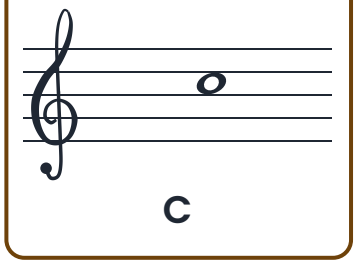

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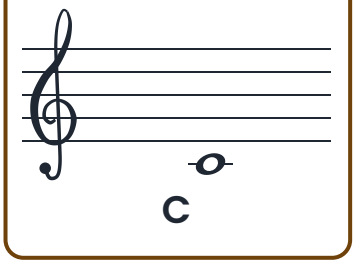

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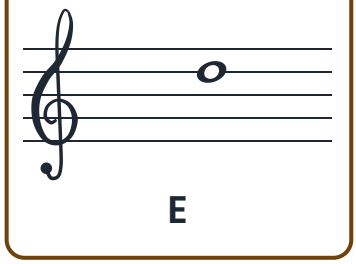

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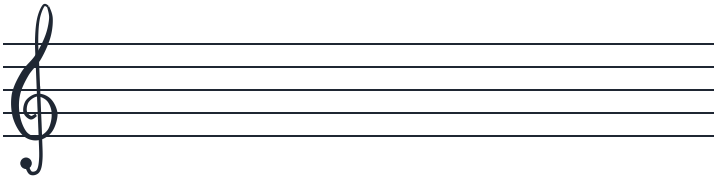
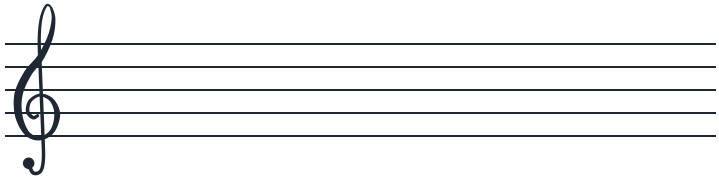
3 Draw each corrected note in its right place.

Draw B



Draw D



CLUE 1

The first letter is the real letter of the wrong note in task 1.

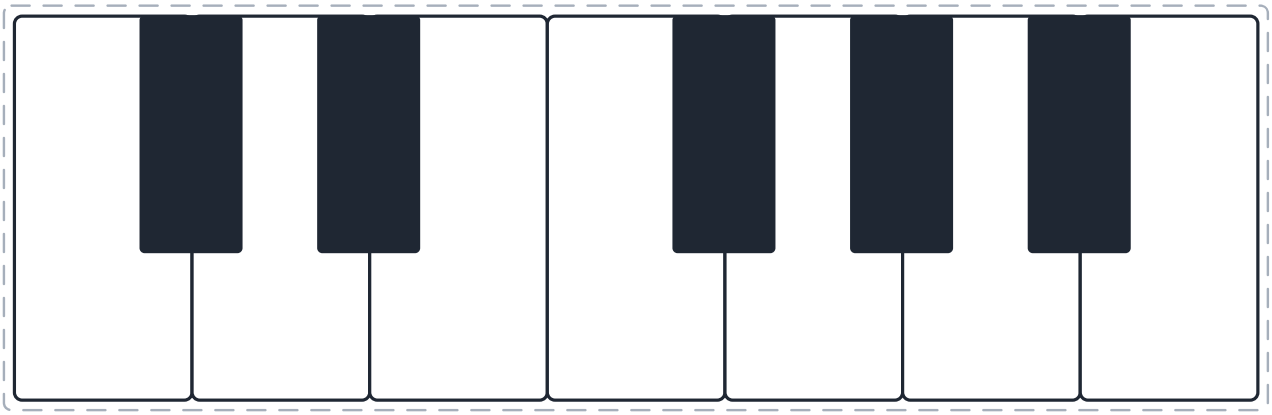
Clue: _____

Copy it onto the answer line of the final question.

Paper keyboard

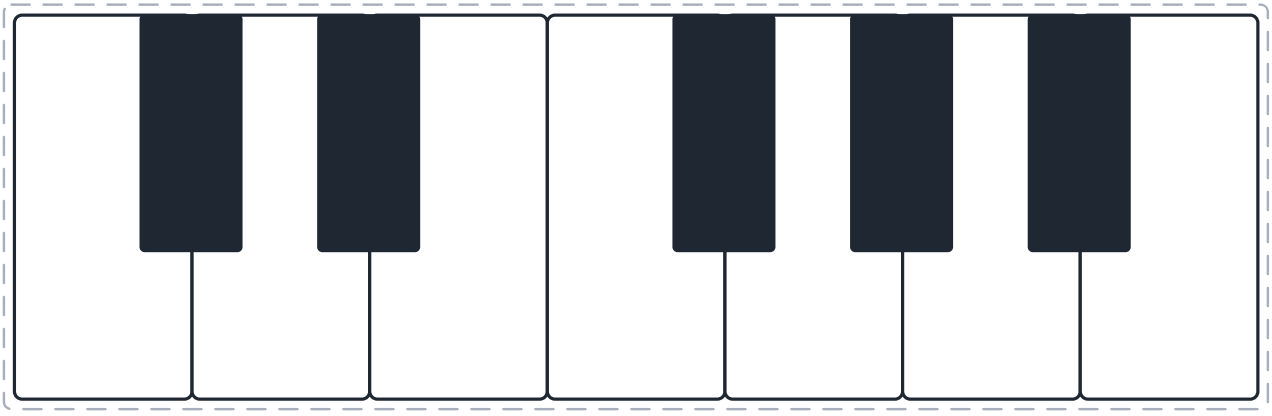
Cut out the rows and tape them in order, low to high. White keys are about as wide as a real piano's.

Low



Middle

High



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 · WRONG LABELS ON THE TREBLE STAFF

Task 1
PND18-C1-T1
Note C is false: it says D, but it is B.
It sits on the treble 3rd line, which is B4.

Task 2
PND18-C1-T2
Note D is false: it says E, but it is D.
It sits on the treble 4th line, which is D5.

Task 3
PND18-C1-T3
B4: treble 3rd line · D5: treble 4th line
B4 is on the treble 3rd line. D5 is on the treble 4th line.

Clue 1
B (the true letter of the false label in task 1)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Find the Music Notation Mistake has three more cases: wrong bass labels, bars that do not add up, and a mixed-up program across both staffs, with a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.