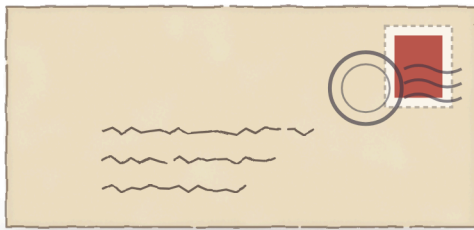


Piano Note Detective

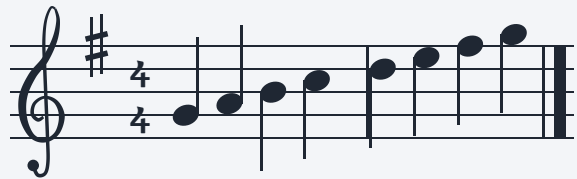
Key Signature Starter: C, G & F

A key signature is a sign at the start of every line that changes a letter all through the piece. Name C, G and F major from their signatures, apply them to every note, and spot a signature on the wrong line.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: three signatures
- Name the key from its signature
- True or false about signatures
- Answers with reasons



G major: the sharp on the F line makes every F an F sharp.

1 Read the signature

2 Name the key

3 Change every F or B

4 Play and check

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For students who know sharps and flats and the C, G and F scales · Five sittings of about 15 minutes · With a piano or keyboard

How the case file works

Five cases, about 15 minutes each.

For a student who reads sharps and flats and knows the C, G and F major scales. A key signature sits just after the clef on every line. It tells you which letters are sharp or flat for the whole piece, in every octave, so the notes themselves need no sign. C major has none, G major has F sharp, F major has B flat.

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
- Five short sittings, one case each

GOOD TO KNOW

- Read the signature before the first note, every time.
- A sharp on the F line means every F, high or low, is F sharp.
- A sign written in a bar still changes that bar only; the signature changes the whole piece.

NOT A METHOD BOOK

Note-reading practice for students, not piano lessons. C, G and F major only: other keys, and the minor keys that share these signatures, come later.

Case 1: Three Signatures

C major: none; G major: F sharp; F major: B flat

THE STORY

A music box can play its tune in three keys, but its label fell off. The signatures on its sheet music are your clues.

LEARN

- The key signature sits right after the clef, at the start of every line.
- No sharps or flats: C major. One sharp, on the F line: G major. One flat, on the B line: F major.
- These signatures also belong to minor keys; this book uses major keys only.



G major: F sharp

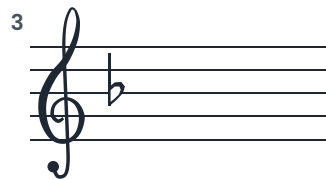
1 Which major key does each signature show? Circle C, G or F.



(C) (G) (F)



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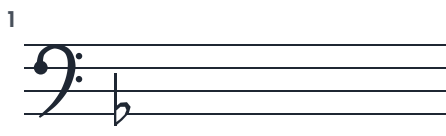


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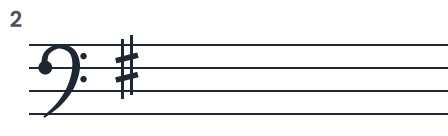


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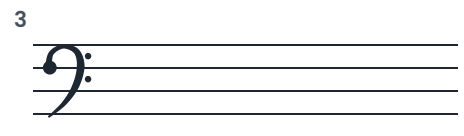
2 Now on the bass staff. Which major key?



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Case 1: Three Signatures (continued)

3 Choose the best answer.

1. A key signature has one flat. Which major key is it?

☐ F major

☐ G major

☐ C major

CLUE 1



The first letter of the label is the letter of your answer to task 3.

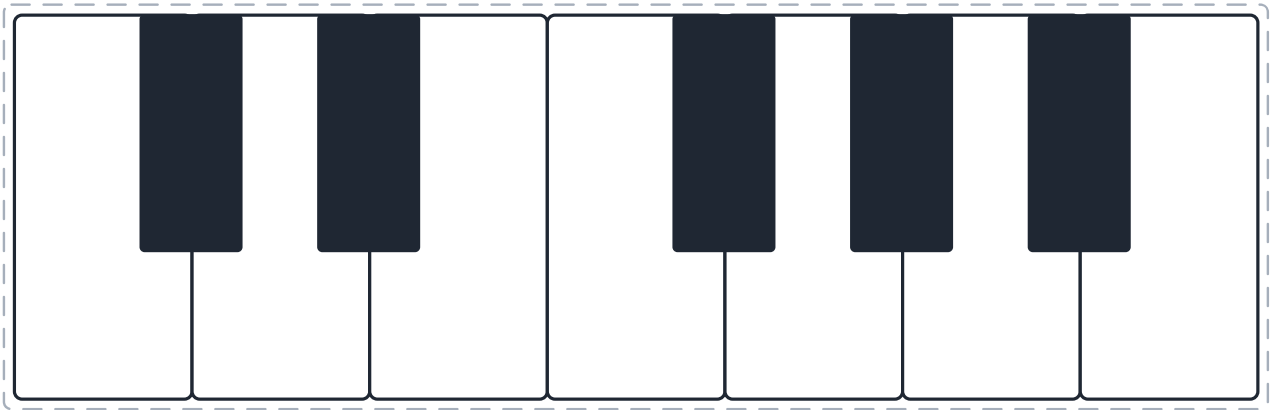
Clue:

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.

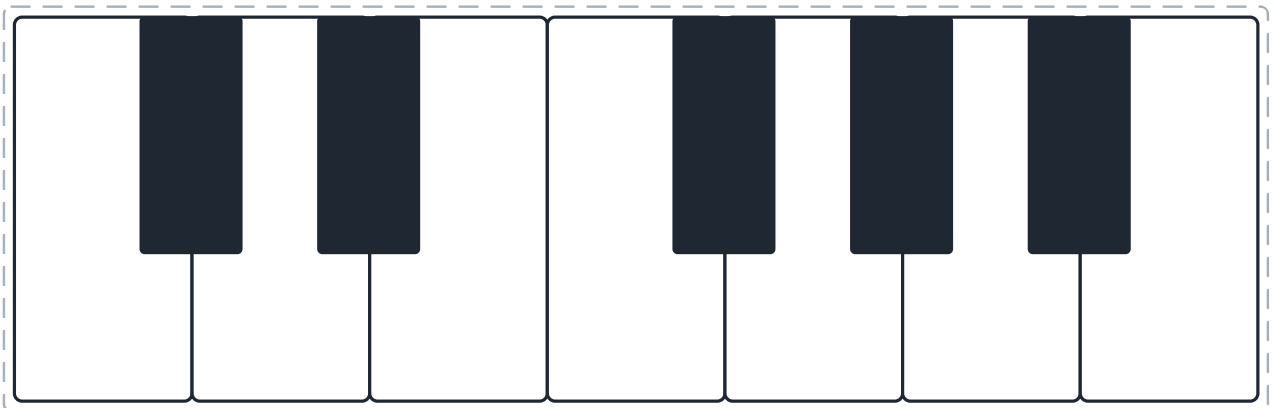
Low



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 · THREE SIGNATURES

Task 1 PND36-C1-T1	1 G major · 2 C major · 3 F major · 4 G major One sharp, on the F line: G major (F sharp). No sharps or flats: C major. One flat, on the B line: F major (B flat).
Task 2 PND36-C1-T2	1 F major · 2 G major · 3 C major One flat, on the B line: F major (B flat). One sharp, on the F line: G major (F sharp). No sharps or flats: C major.
Task 3 PND36-C1-T3	1 F: F major One flat, B flat: F major.
Clue 1	F (the answer to item 1 of task 3)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Key Signature Starter has four more cases: every F is sharp, every B is flat, the misplaced sign, and one tune in three keys, with a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.