

Piano Note Detective

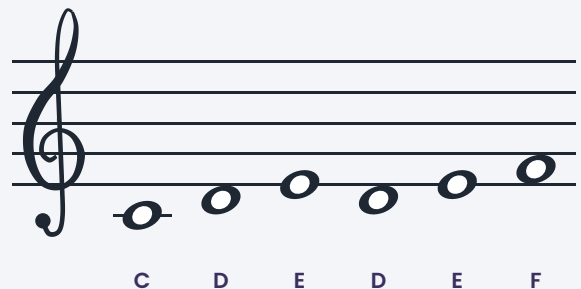
Musical Pattern Spotter

Read groups of notes, not just single notes: repeats, steps, skips, and the same shape starting on a new note. Spot the pattern, find what comes next, and catch the note that breaks it.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: repeats
- Same notes or different?
- What comes next?
- Paper keyboard and answers



- 1 Name the notes**
- 2 Say the moves**
- 3 Find what repeats**
- 4 Check the next one**

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For beginners who name notes on the treble staff and are ready to read groups · 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 the treble staff and is ready to read groups of notes. Musicians read patterns: a repeat, a run of steps, a row of skips, or the same shape starting on a new note. Every pattern here stays on the treble staff, from Middle C to G at the top.

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
- Four short sittings, one case each

GOOD TO KNOW

- Say the moves aloud: step up, skip down, repeat. A pattern is a set of moves that comes back.
- Same letters again is a repeat. The same moves from a new note is a sequence.
- Every note is shown except the one the task asks for.

NOT A METHOD BOOK

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

Case 1: Repeats

A repeat plays the same notes again

THE STORY

Pip the parrot lives in the music room and copies every tune he hears. This morning the band's silver whistle is missing, and Pip keeps singing the same patterns over and over. His patterns are the clues.

LEARN

- A repeat plays the same notes again: same letters, same places on the staff.
- Look for a group that comes back. Bar lines show where each group starts.
- Name the first group, then check the next one note by note.

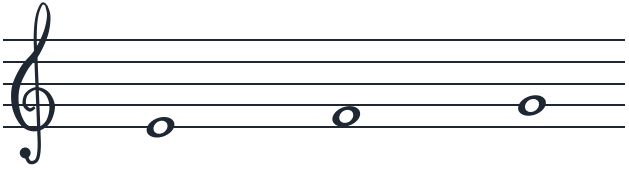


Case 1: Repeats (continued)

1 Compare A and B. Same notes, or different?

1A

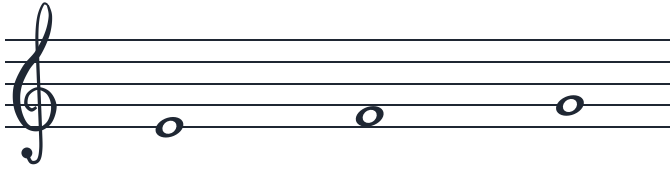
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same notes

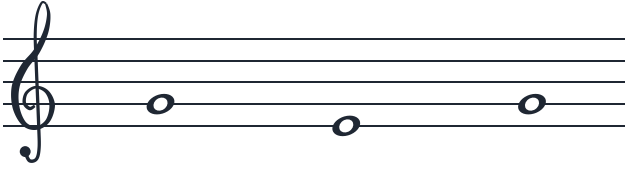
different

1B



2A

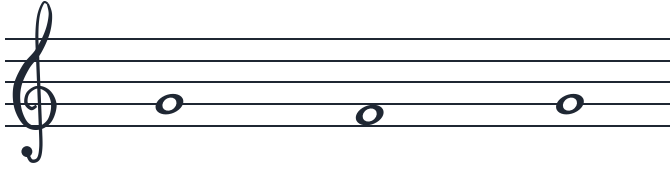
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same notes

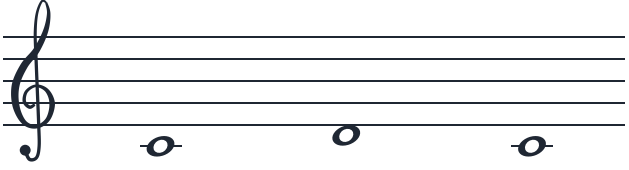
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2B



3A

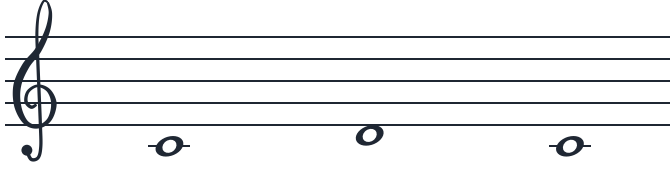
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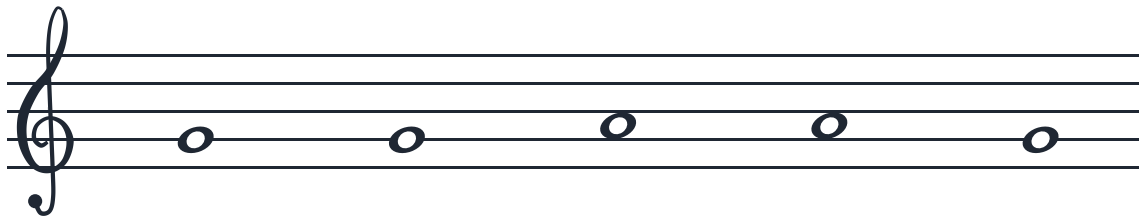
same notes

different

3B



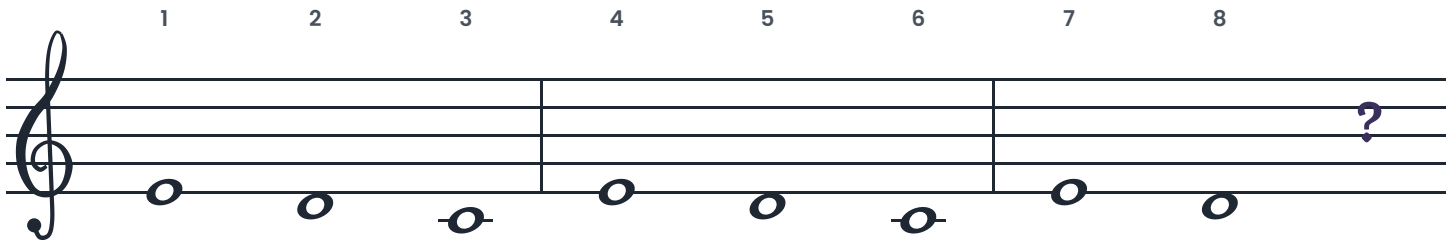
2 Write each move: repeat, step or skip, and up or down.



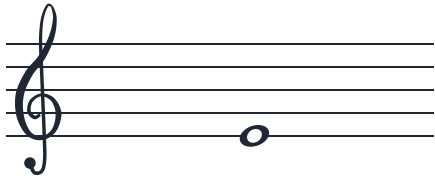
1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

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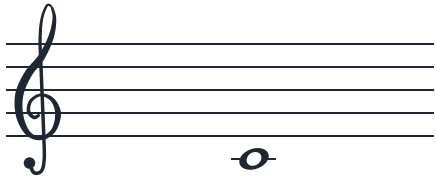
3 Pip repeats a group of three notes. Which note comes next?



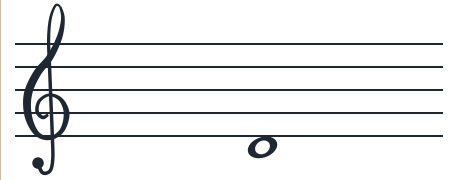
NOTE A



NOTE B



NOTE C



Circle the note that comes next:

A

B

C

CLUE 1

The first letter of the hiding place is the letter of the note that comes next in task 3.

Clue:

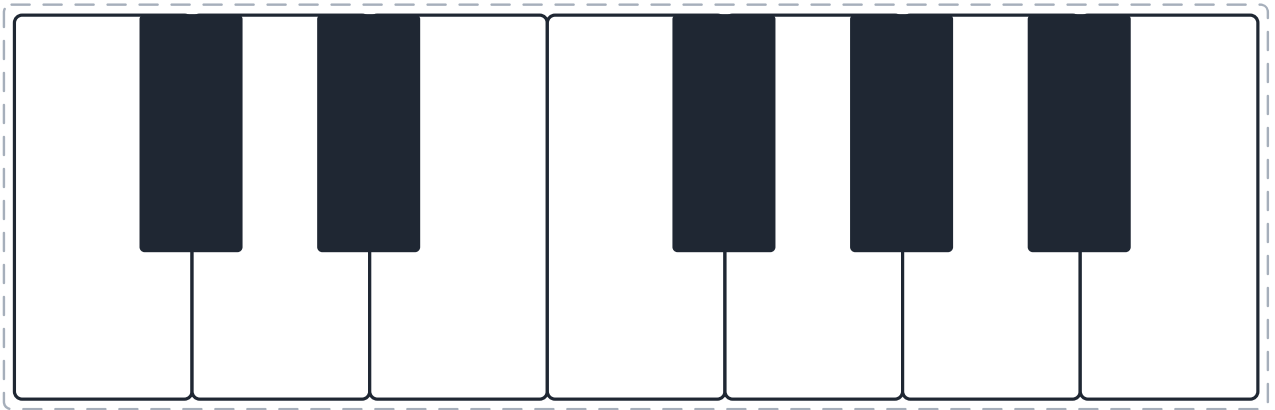
Copy it onto the answer line of the final question.



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.

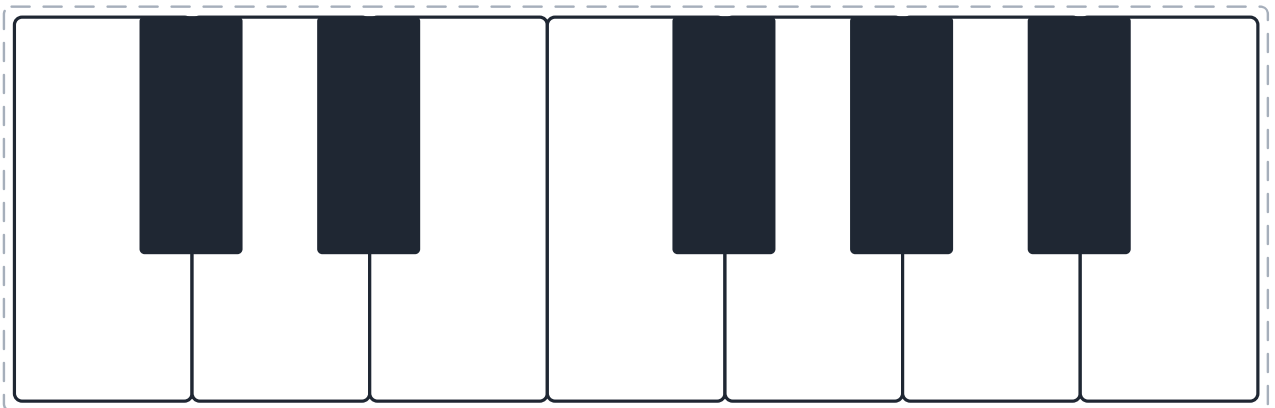
Low



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 · REPEATS

Task 1

PND13-C1-T1

1 same notes · 2 different · 3 same notes

A: E F G (moves +1, +1). B: E F G (moves +1, +1). A: G E G (moves -2, +2). B: G F G (moves -1, +1).

A: C D C (moves +1, -1). B: C D C (moves +1, -1).

Task 2

PND13-C1-T2

1 repeat · 2 step up · 3 repeat · 4 step down

G to G: repeat. G to A: step up. A to A: repeat. A to G: step down.

Task 3

PND13-C1-T3

Option B: C4

The moves repeat (step down, step down, skip up); the next move is step down, to C4.

Clue 1

C (the answer to item 1 of task 3)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Musical Pattern Spotter has three more cases: step patterns, skip patterns, and sequences (the same shape from a new note), with wrong-note spotters, a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.