FREE SAMPLE · CASE 1

Piano Note Detective

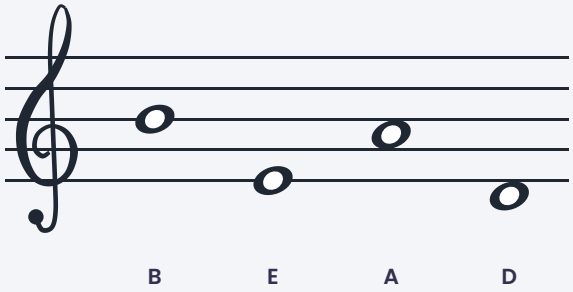
Play-the-Clue Mini Melody Cases

Short original tunes hide words: name the notes, clap the rhythm, then play each phrase on the piano to unlock the clue. Four cases in 4/4 and 3/4, on the treble and the bass staff.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: two-bar tunes in 4/4
- Name the notes, clap, play
- The tunes spell words
- Answers with beat counts



1 **Name each note**

2 **Clap and count the rhythm**

3 **Play it slowly**

4 **Read the word**

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For beginners who name notes and count quarter, half and whole notes · Four sittings of about 15 minutes · With a piano or keyboard

How the case file works

Four cases, about 15 minutes each.

For a beginner who names notes on the staff and counts quarter, half and whole notes. Every tune in this book is a short original phrase written for it. The notes spell a word, and the rhythm fills each bar exactly: name, clap, then play.

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 (or the paper keyboard from another case file)
- Four short sittings, one case each

GOOD TO KNOW

- Name every note before playing.
- Clap and count the rhythm once before playing: "1, 2, 3, 4".
- Play slowly. Getting every note right matters more than speed.

NOT A METHOD BOOK

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

Case 1: Two-Bar Tunes

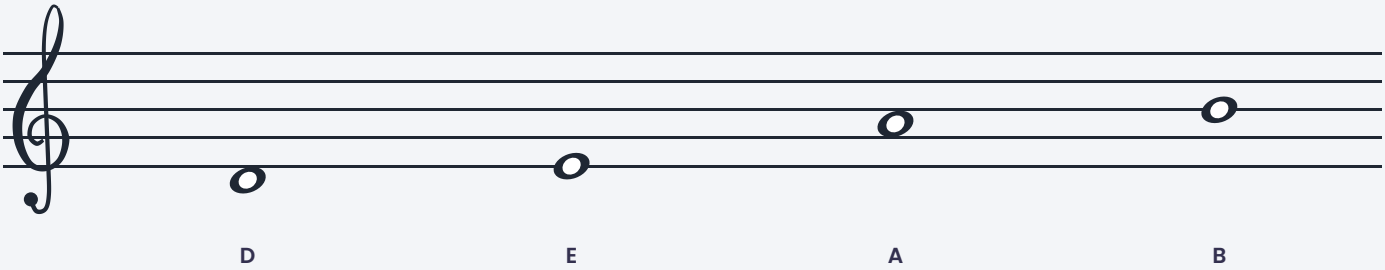
Read, clap and play two-bar phrases in 4/4

THE STORY

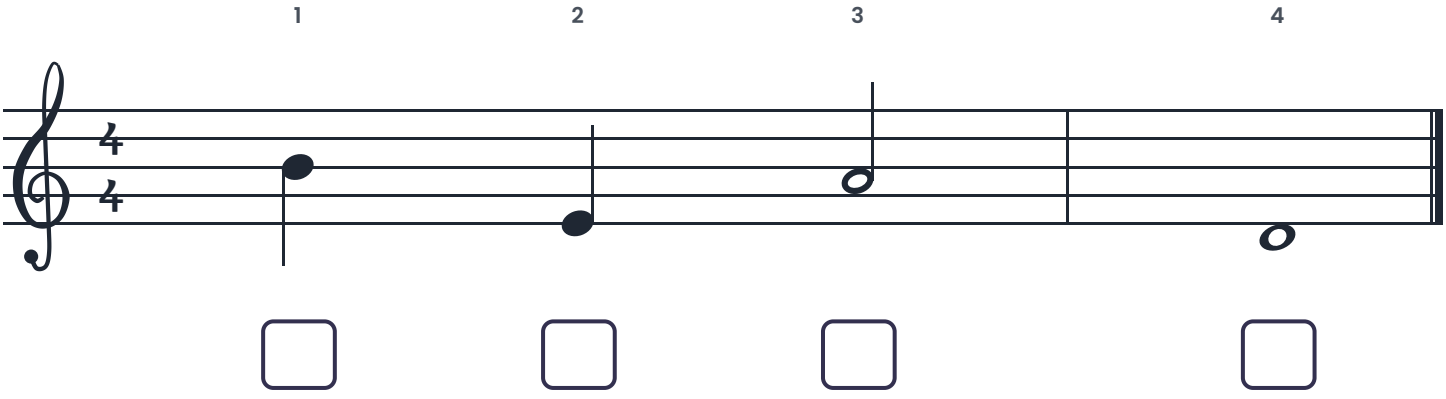
The music school's gold trophy has vanished before the end-of-year concert. The music teacher hid the clue to where it is inside four short tunes. Play each tune to unlock a letter.

LEARN

- Name every note first; the letters spell a word.
- Clap and count: a quarter note gets 1 beat, a half note 2, a whole note 4.
- Then play the tune slowly, one note at a time.



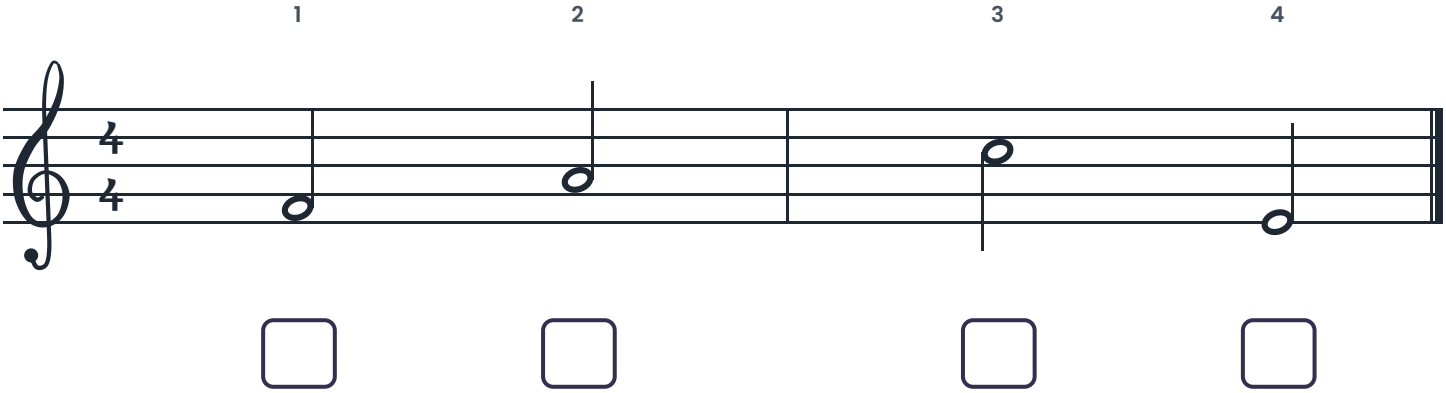
1 Name each note. Clap the rhythm, then play it. What word do the notes spell?



The notes spell: _____

Case 1: Two-Bar Tunes (continued)

2 Name each note and play the tune. The C is high: in the 3rd space. What word do the notes spell?



The notes spell: _____

3 Play both tunes again without stopping. Count out loud while you play.

I played it | I pointed and sang

CLUE 1

The first letter of the hiding place is the first letter of the word in task 2.

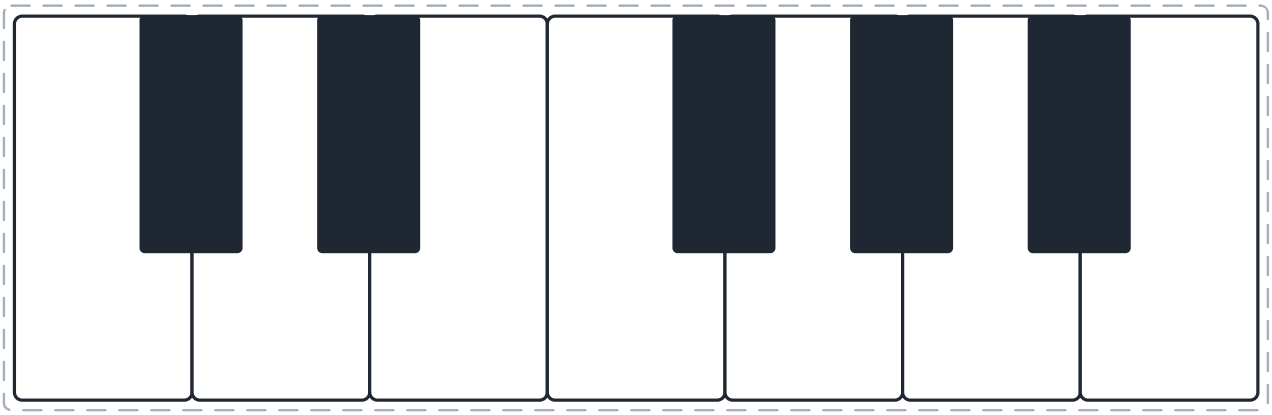
Clue: [ ]

In the full case file, the clues from every case solve 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.

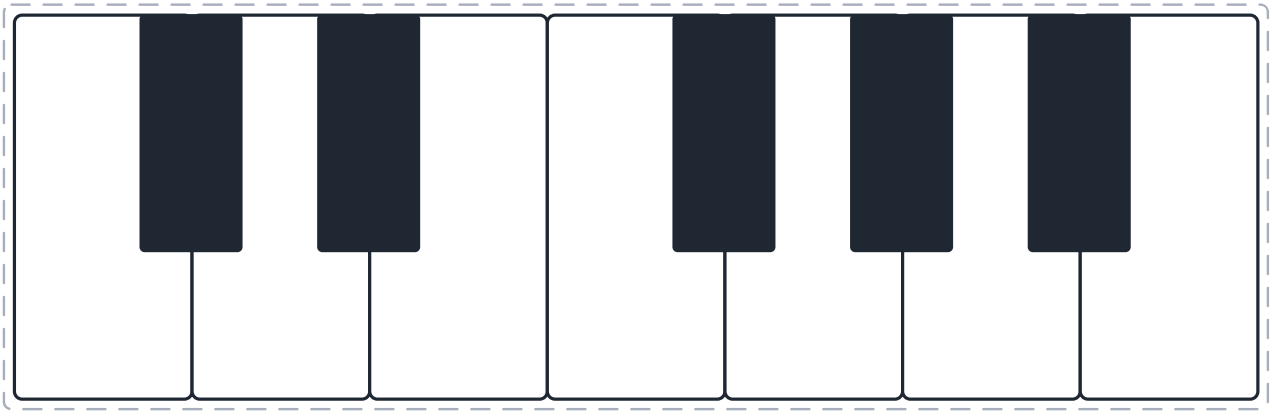
Low



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 · TWO-BAR TUNES

Task 1 **PND17-C1-T1**	B E A D = BEAD Bar 1: B4 (quarter note, 1), E4 (quarter note, 1), A4 (half note, 2) = 4 beats. Bar 2: D4 (whole note, 4) = 4 beats.
Task 2 **PND17-C1-T2**	F A C E = FACE Bar 1: F4 (half note, 2), A4 (half note, 2) = 4 beats. Bar 2: C5 (half note, 2), E4 (half note, 2) = 4 beats.
Task 3 **PND17-C1-T3**	Steady counting: 1, 2, 3, 4 in every bar.
Clue 1	F (the answer to item 1 of task 2)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Play-the-Clue Mini Melody Cases has three more cases: waltz tunes in 3/4, a bass-staff tune, and a four-bar tune, with a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.