

Piano Note Detective

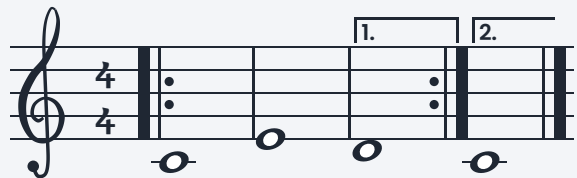
Score Map: Repeats, Endings & A-B-A Form

A score is a map with shortcuts: repeat signs send you back, 1st and 2nd endings change the road, D.C. al Fine returns to the start. Follow the map bar by bar, name the phrases A and B, and hear A-B-A form.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: go back once
- Write the playing order
- Count the bars played
- Answers with reasons



Play 1, 2, 3, back to 1, 2, then skip to 4.

1

Find the signs

2

Map the bars

3

Play in that order

4

Name the phrases

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For students who read short tunes in 3/4 and 4/4 · Five sittings of about 15 minutes · With a piano

How the case file works

Five cases, about 15 minutes each.

For a student who reads short tunes in $3/4$ and $4/4$. Some signs change the order you play the bars. A repeat sign sends you back once to the start or to a facing repeat sign; 1st and 2nd endings are played on the first and second time through; D.C. al Fine means go back to the start and stop at Fine (repeats are usually not taken again). Phrases that repeat exactly get the same letter: A, then B for something new.

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
- The riddle cards at the back (cut out)

GOOD TO KNOW

- Map first, play second: write the bar numbers in order.
- Point with a finger as you play the map.
- Phrase letters compare notes and rhythm exactly.

NOT A METHOD BOOK

Score-reading practice for students, not piano lessons. Repeats, endings and D.C. al Fine only.

Case 1: Go Back Once

A repeat sign sends you back once

THE STORY

The museum's music-box room has a map on every music box. Follow each map to find the box that is playing wrong.

LEARN

- An end-repeat sign (two dots before a thick bar line) sends you back once.
- Go back to the facing start-repeat sign, or to bar 1 if there is none.
- The second time, play past the sign.



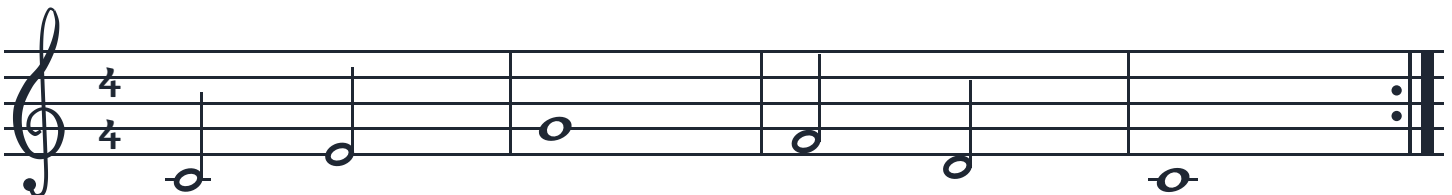
1 Write the bar numbers in the order you play them.

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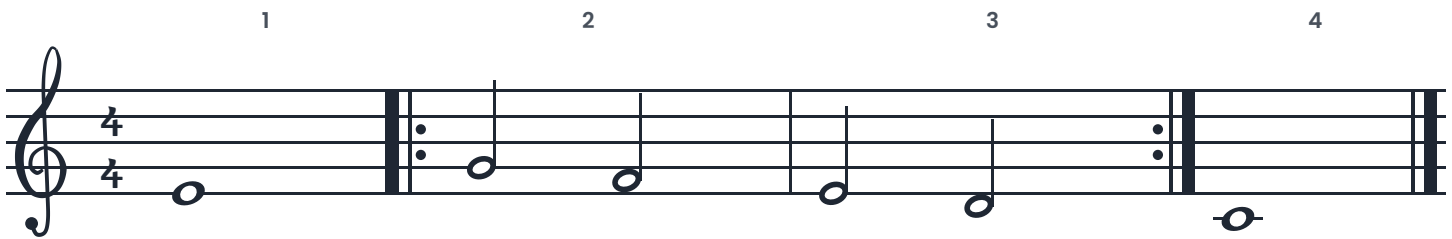
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Write the bar numbers in the order you play them:

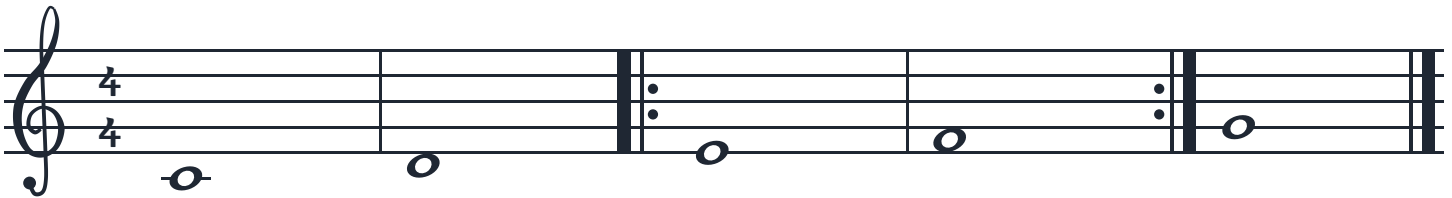
Case 1: Go Back Once (continued)

- 2 This one has a start-repeat sign at bar 2. Write the playing order.



Write the bar numbers in the order you play them:

- 3 How many bars do you play in all?



How many bars do you play in all?

- 4 Choose the best answer.

1. An end-repeat sign has no start-repeat sign before it. Where do you go back to?

- (R) Bar 1
(S) The bar before
(T) The end

CLUE 1

The first letter is the letter of your answer to task 4.

Clue:

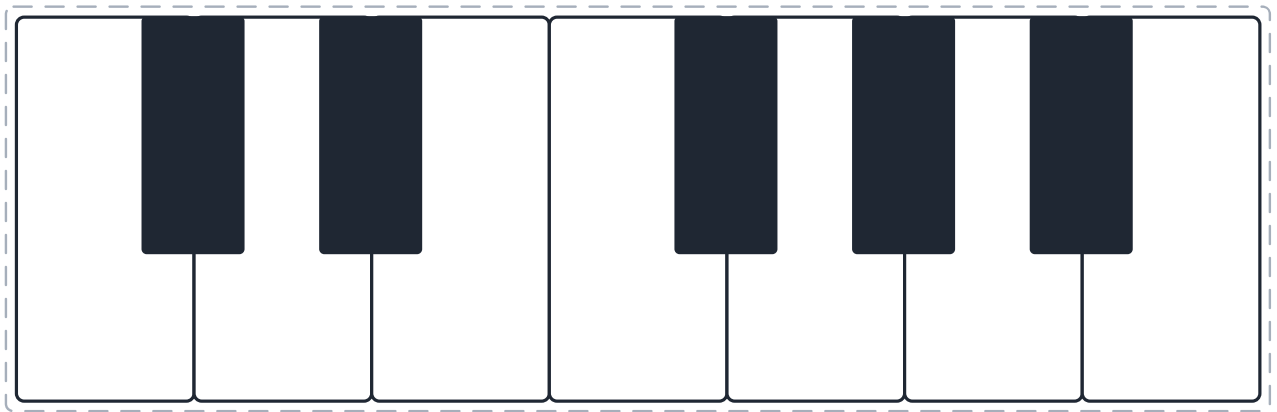
Copy it onto the answer line of the final question.



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.

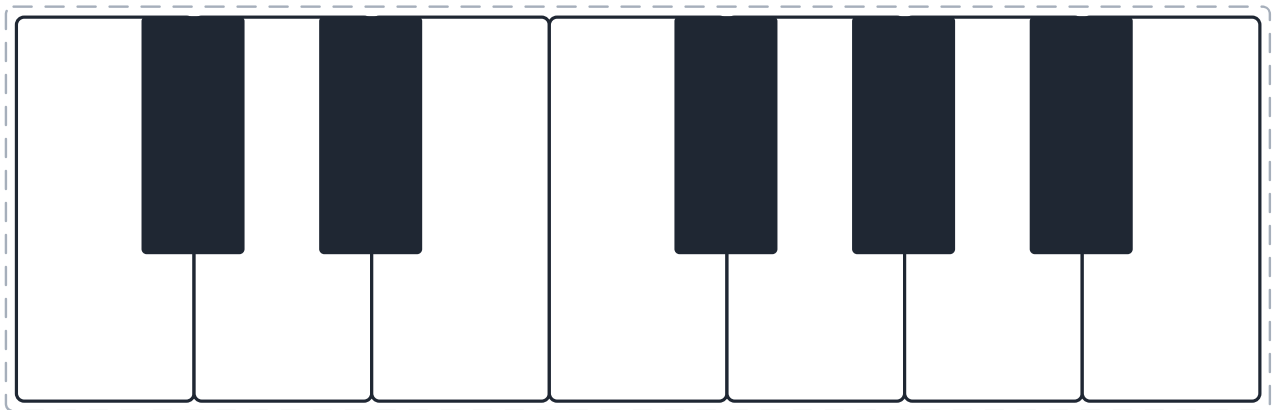
Low



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 · GO BACK ONCE

Task 1	1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4
PND47-C1-T1	The repeat sign sends you back once to the start: 8 bars.
Task 2	1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4
PND47-C1-T2	The repeat sign sends you back once to bar 2: 6 bars.
Task 3	7 bars
PND47-C1-T3	The repeat sign sends you back once to bar 3: 7 bars.
Task 4	1 R: Bar 1
PND47-C1-T4	With no facing sign, go back to the beginning.
Clue 1	R (the answer to item 1 of task 4)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Score Map has four more cases: two endings, D.C. al Fine, phrases A and B, and A-B-A form, with 8 riddle cards, a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.