FREE SAMPLE · CASE 1

Piano Note Detective

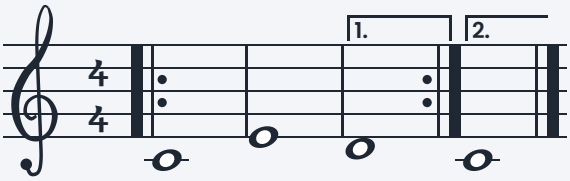
Score Map: Repeats, Endings & A-B-A Form

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**

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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

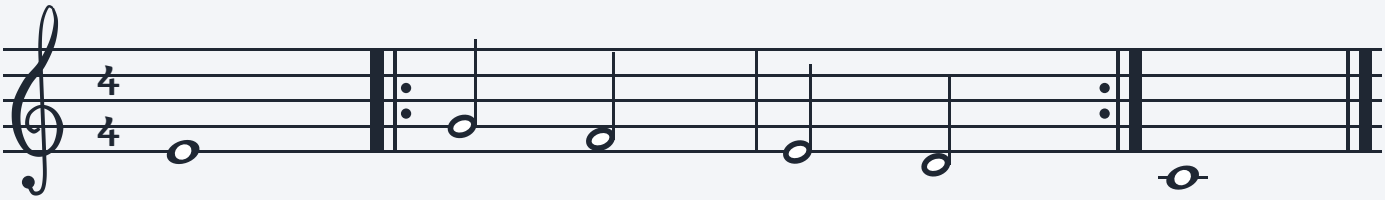
A repeat sign sends you back once

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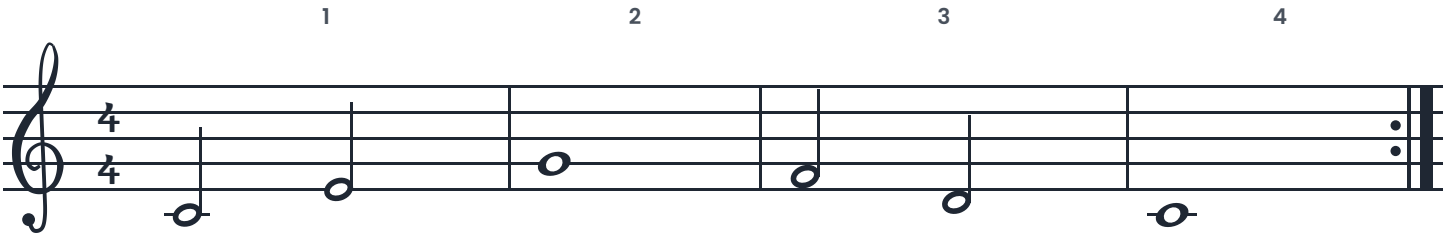
The museum's music-box room has a map on every music box. Follow each map to find the box that is playing wrong.

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.



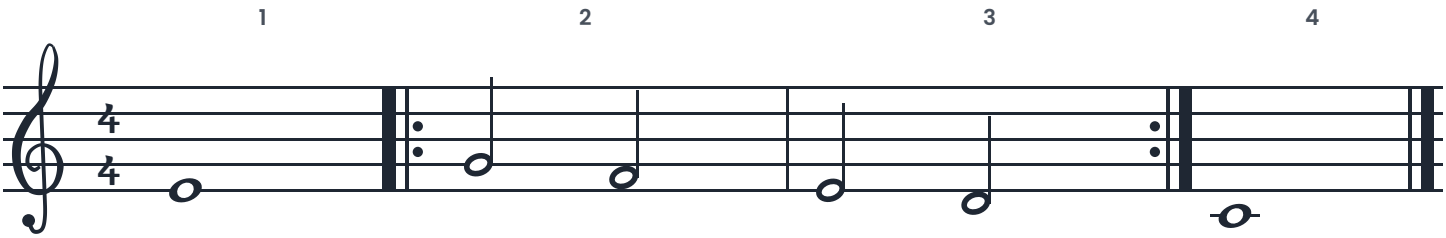
1 Write the bar numbers in the order you play them.



Write the bar numbers in the order you play them:

Case 1: Go Back Once (continued)

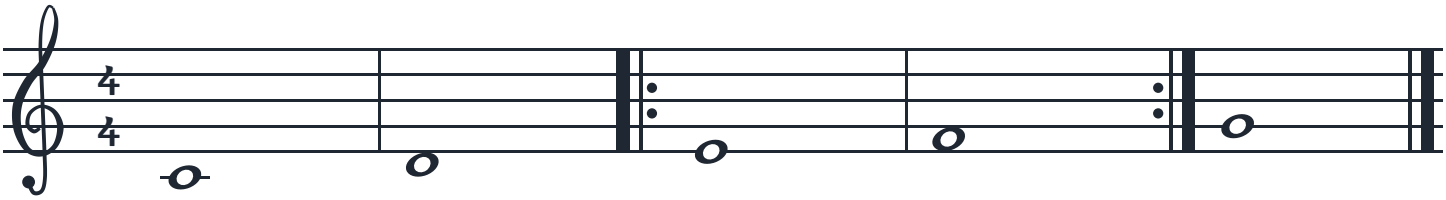
2 This one has a start-repeat sign at bar 2. Write the playing order.



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

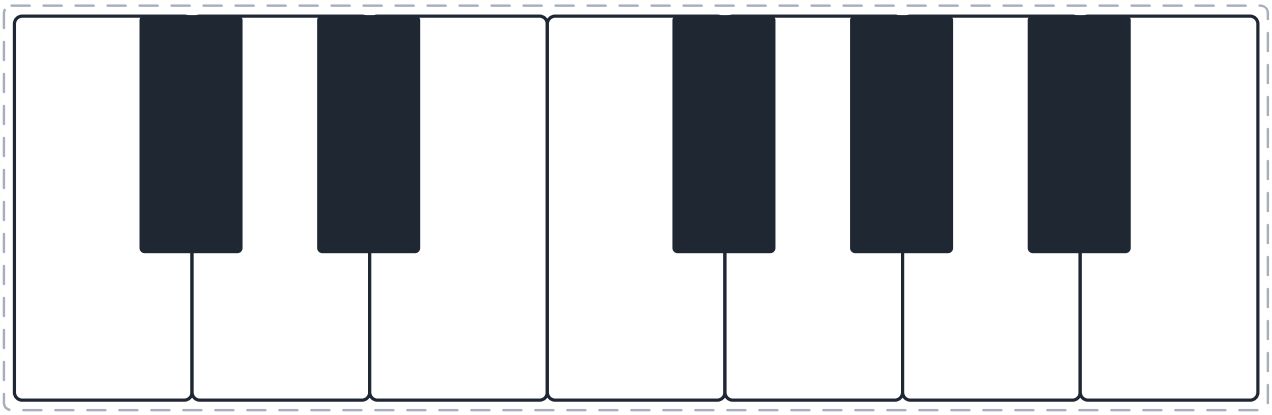
The first letter is the letter of your answer to task 4.

Clue: ☐ **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.

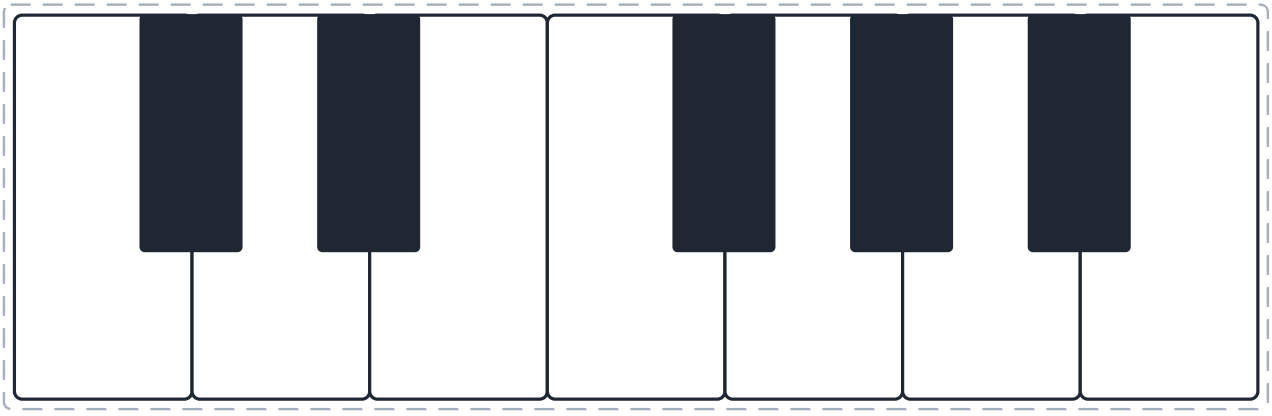
Low



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 · 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.