

Piano Note Detective

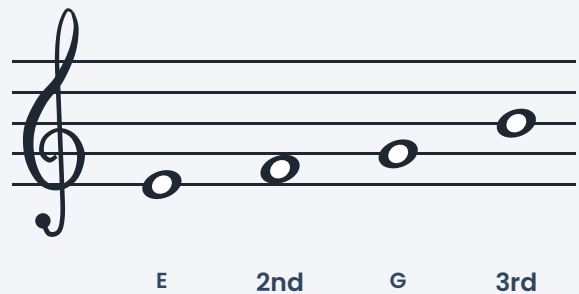
Second & Third Interval Clue Lab

Musical footsteps: a 2nd goes to the next line or space, a 3rd skips one. Read the distance between notes, on both staves and on the keys.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: seconds, next door
- Find the note a 2nd away
- Same note or a 2nd?
- Paper keyboard and answers



- 1 Find both notes
- 2 Line or space?
- 3 Count the letters
- 4 Check on the keys

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For beginners who name notes and are ready to read distances · 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 and is ready to read the distance between them. An interval number counts letter names, both ends included: C to D is a 2nd, C to E a 3rd. The book stays with 2nds and 3rds, the distances that most beginning melodies use.

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

- A 2nd goes from a line to the next space, or a space to the next line.
- A 3rd goes from a line to the next line, or a space to the next space.
- This book counts letter names only. Whether an interval is a half step or a whole step (its quality) comes later: E to F and B to C are 2nds too.

NOT A METHOD BOOK

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

Case 1: Seconds: Next Door

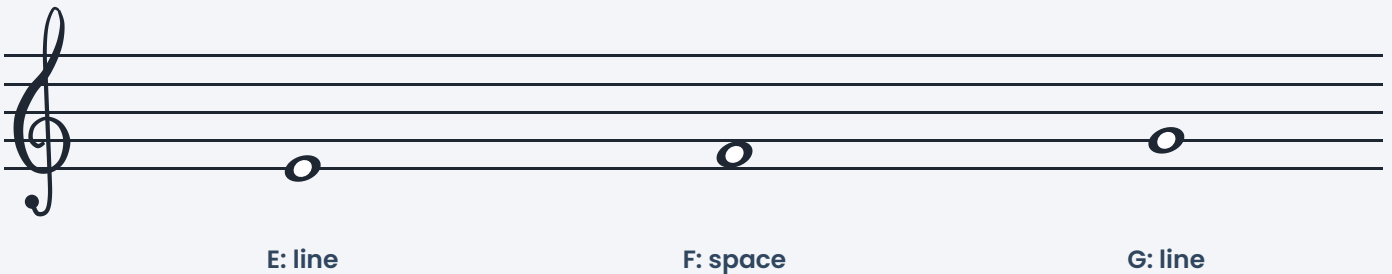
A 2nd goes to the next letter: the next line or space

THE STORY

In Ms. Rivera's music room, the class goldfish is called Allegro. The weekend helper left a note about Allegro, written in musical footsteps. Read the footsteps to find out what the helper must do.

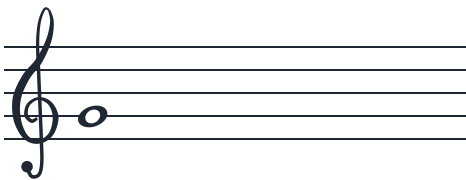
LEARN

- A 2nd goes to the very next letter: C to D, E to F.
- On the staff, a 2nd goes from a line to the next space, or a space to the next line.
- Two notes on the same line or space are the same note, not a 2nd.



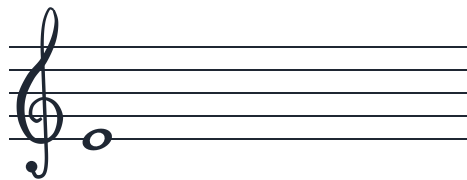
1 Start on the note shown and move a 2nd. Write the letter you land on.

1. a 2nd up



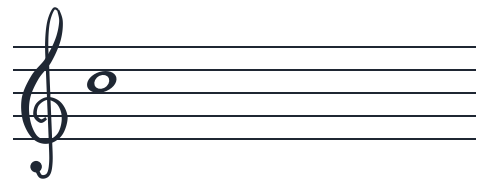
Letter:

2. a 2nd up



Letter:

3. a 2nd down

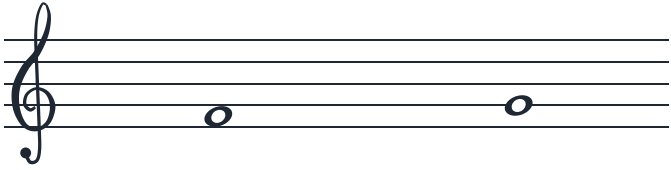


Letter:

Case 1: Seconds: Next Door (continued)

2 Same note, or a 2nd? Circle one under each pair.

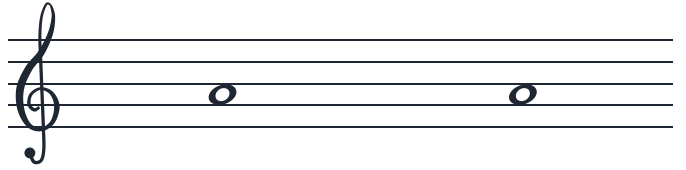
PAIR 1



same note

2nd

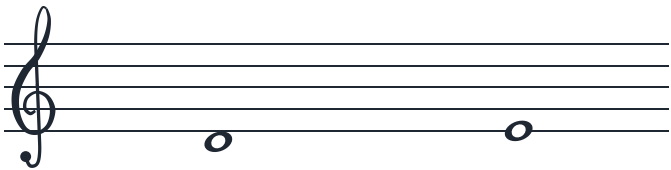
PAIR 2



same note

2nd

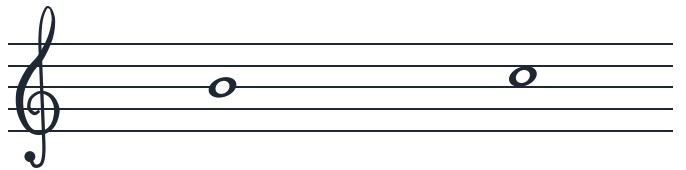
PAIR 3



same note

2nd

PAIR 4



same note

2nd

3 Play G, then a 2nd up (A). Play E, then a 2nd up (F). Do the pairs sound like next-door neighbors?

I played it

I pointed and sang

CLUE 1

The first letter of the job is the letter you landed on in move 2 of task 1.

Clue:

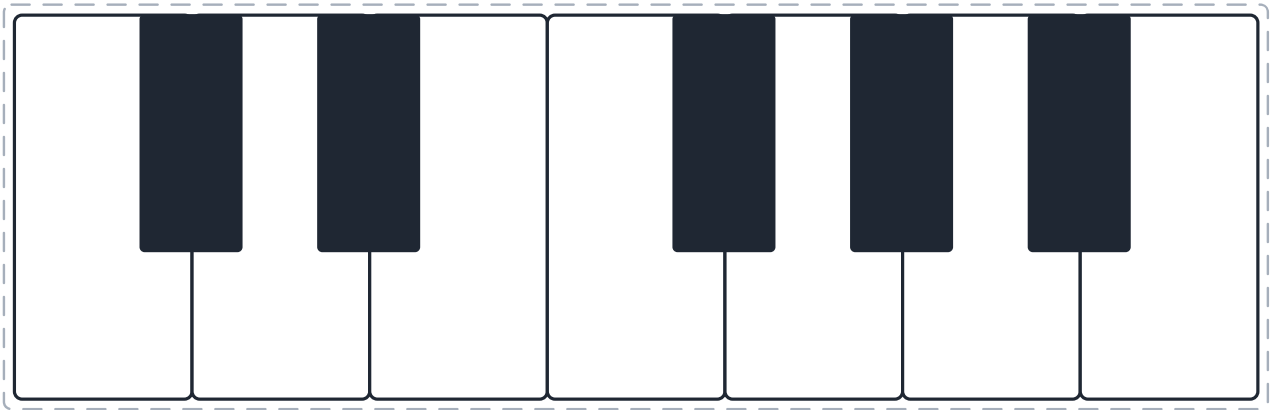
Copy it onto the answer line of the final question.



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.

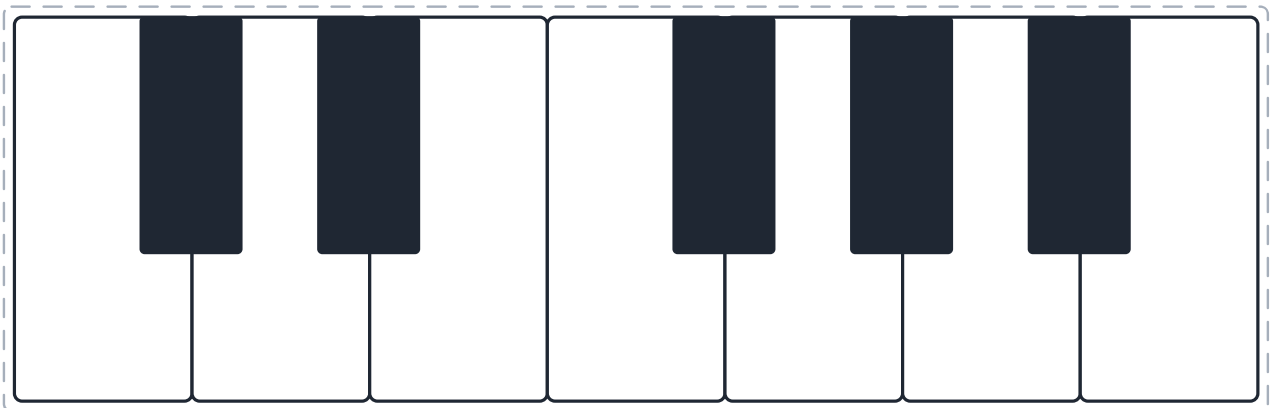
Low



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 · SECONDS: NEXT DOOR

Task 1

PND12-C1-T1

1 A (A4) · 2 F (F4) · 3 B (B4)

G is on the treble 2nd line; a 2nd up is the treble 2nd space: A4. E is on the treble 1st line; a 2nd up is the treble 1st space: F4. C is on the treble 3rd space; a 2nd down is the treble 3rd line: B4.

Task 2

PND12-C1-T2

1 2nd · 2 same note · 3 2nd · 4 2nd

F4 to G4: space to the next line, a 2nd. A4 to A4: the same place, a repeated note. D4 to E4: space to the next line, a 2nd. B4 to C5: line to the next space, a 2nd.

Task 3

PND12-C1-T3

Each 2nd is the very next white key: G–A and E–F.

Clue 1

F (the answer to item 2 of task 1)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Second & Third Interval Clue Lab has three more cases: thirds, the line-or-space check on the bass staff, and 2nds and 3rds on the keys, with a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.