

Piano Note Detective

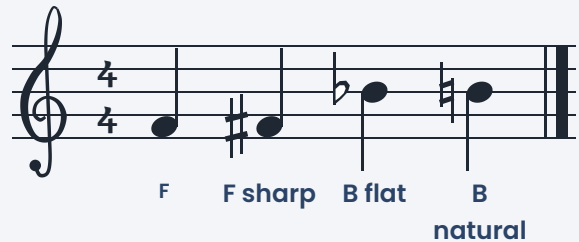
Sharp, Flat & Natural Detective

A sharp moves a note one key to the right, a flat one key to the left, and a natural cancels them both. Find every sign, play its key, and open the locked music-room door.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: the sharp sign
- Find sharps on the keyboard
- Name notes with sharps
- Answers with reasons



- 1 Find the sign
- 2 Sharp: next key right
- 3 Flat: next key left
- 4 Play and check

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For beginners who can name notes on the staff · Five sittings of about 15 minutes · With a grown-up and a piano or keyboard

How the case file works

Five cases, about 15 minutes each.

For a beginner who can already name white-key notes on the treble and bass staff. Here the notes get signs: a sharp, a flat or a natural, written just before the note. Each case ends at the keyboard, because the sign only makes sense when you can find its key.

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 in this book)
- Five short sittings, one case each

GOOD TO KNOW

- Say the full name out loud: "F sharp", not just "F".
- A sign lasts until the bar line. Point at the bar line when the sign stops.
- Black keys have two names. Read the name that is written.

NOT A METHOD BOOK

Note-reading practice for beginners, not piano lessons. Sharps, flats and naturals written in the music only: key signatures come in another book.

Case 1: The Sharp Door

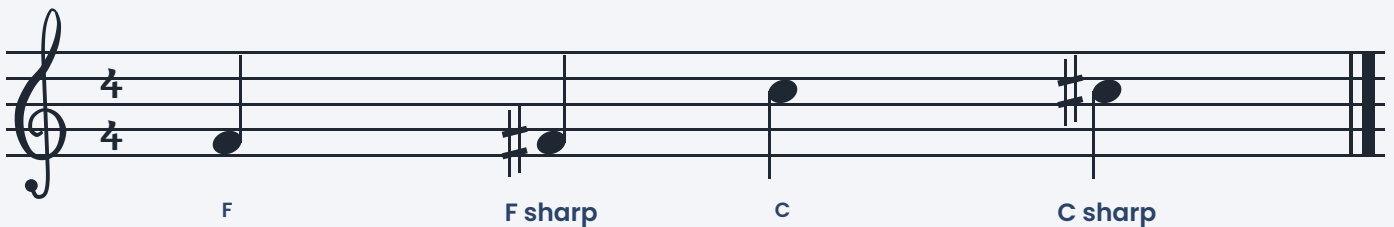
A sharp raises a note a half step: the next key to the right

THE STORY

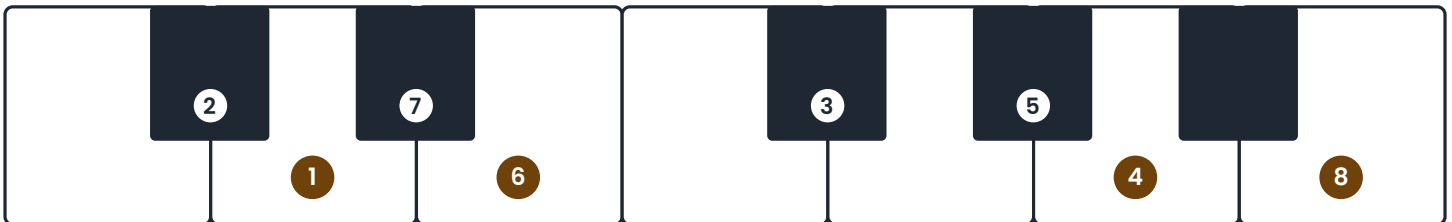
The music club keeps its trophy behind a door with a piano lock. Press the right keys and it opens. Someone has hidden the five letters of the password on five clue cards full of sharps, flats and naturals.

LEARN

- A sharp sign (#) raises a note by a half step: play the very next key to the right.
- Most sharps are black keys: F sharp is the black key just right of F.
- The sign sits just before the note, on the same line or space.



1 Each note has a sharp. Which numbered key plays it?



1. F sharp

is key number

2. C sharp

is key number

3. G sharp

is key number

4. D sharp

is key number

Case 1: The Sharp Door (continued)

2 Name each note. Write its letter and its sign (for example F#).

1 2 3 4

3 At a piano: play F, then F sharp, then G. Say "half step" after each move.

I played it

I played it with help

CLUE 1

The first letter of the password is the letter of note 3 in task 2 (the letter only).

Clue:

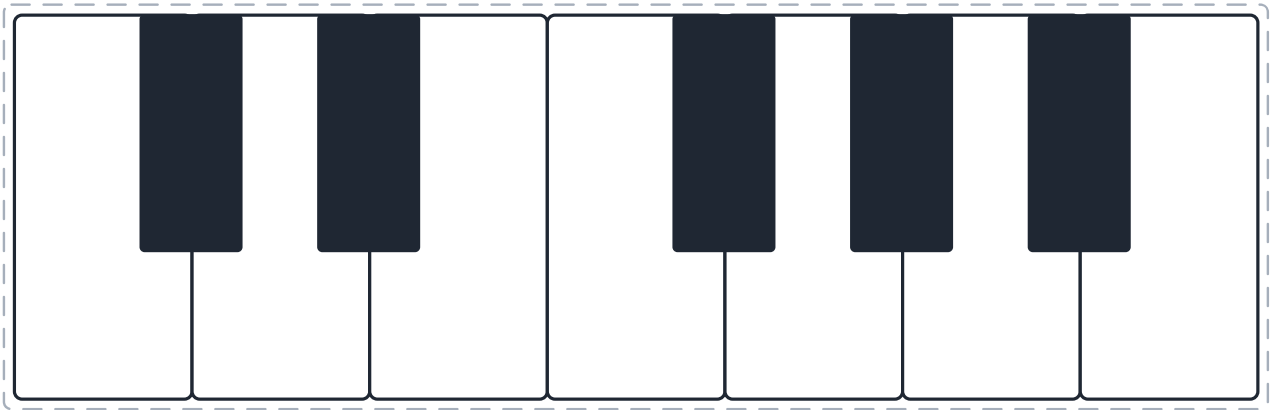
Copy it onto the answer line of the final question.



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.

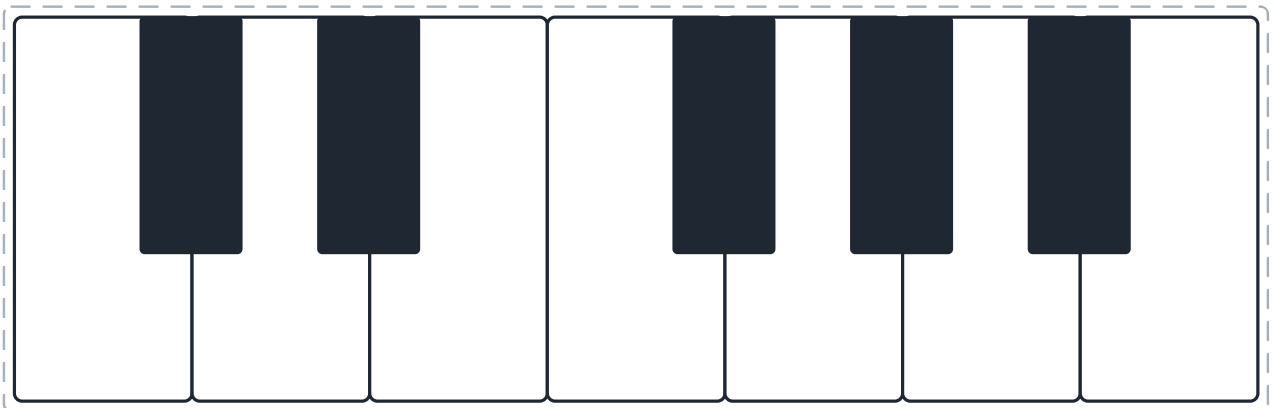
Low



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.

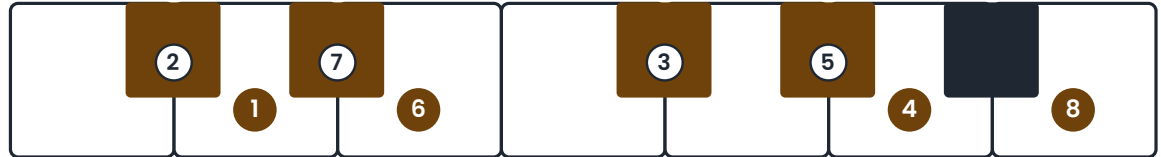
CASE 1 · THE SHARP DOOR

Task 1

PND32-C1-T1

1 F sharp = key 3 · 2 C sharp = key 2 · 3 G sharp = key 5 · 4 D sharp = key 7

F sharp is the key just right of F (one half step higher): key 3. C sharp is the key just right of C (one half step higher): key 2. G sharp is the key just right of G (one half step higher): key 5. D sharp is the key just right of D (one half step higher): key 7.



Task 2

PND32-C1-T2

1 F sharp · 2 C sharp · 3 B · 4 G sharp

Bar 1: the treble 1st space is F, and its sharp sign makes it F sharp. Bar 1: the treble 3rd space is C, and its sharp sign makes it C sharp. Bar 1: the treble 3rd line is B. Bar 1: the treble 2nd line is G, and its sharp sign makes it G sharp.

Task 3

PND32-C1-T3

F to F sharp is a half step; F sharp to G is another half step.

Clue 1

B (the letter of item 3 of task 2)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Sharp, Flat & Natural Detective has four more cases: flats, naturals and the bar line, one key with two names, and a four-bar tune, with a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.