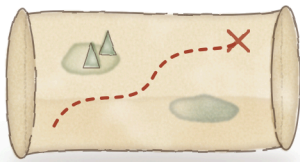


Piano Note Detective

Step, Skip & Repeat Trail

Before letter names: follow the trail of notes. Does it go up, down or stay the same? Is it a step next door, a skip over one, or a repeat? Then hop the same moves on the keys.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: up, down or the same?
- Read a trail of notes
- Hop it on the keys
- Paper keyboard and answers



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Middle C

From E: a step up lands on F; a skip up from F lands on A.

- 1 Look at the next note
- 2 Higher, lower or the same?
- 3 Next door or a skip?
- 4 Hop it on the keys

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For beginners before they read letter names on the staff · 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 is not yet reading letter names on the staff. The notes sit on a trail of faint guide lines, higher or lower, with no staff and no letter names. The detective reads how the tune moves: up, down or the same; a step to the next place, or a skip over one. Then the same moves go onto the piano keys.

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

- Read the heights, not colors: every note is drawn the same way.
- A step goes to the very next place: the next guide line on a trail, the next white key on the piano. A skip jumps over one.
- A repeat stays in the same place: play the same key again.

NOT A METHOD BOOK

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

Case 1: Up, Down or the Same?

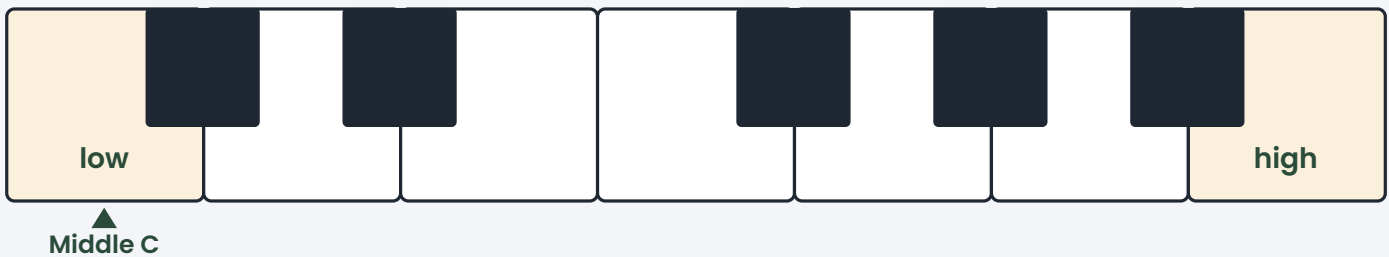
Read the direction of each move: up, down or the same

THE STORY

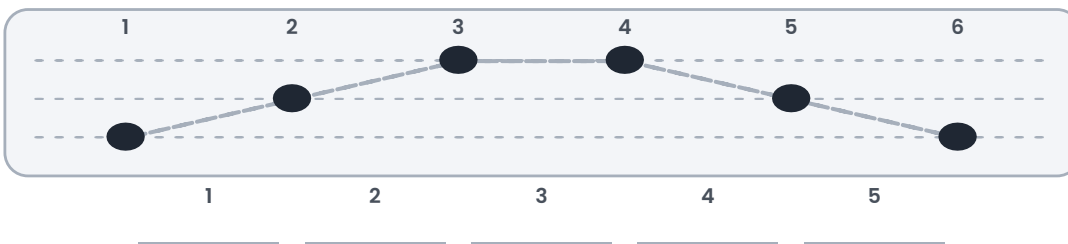
Gabe the frog has hopped away from the pond. His friends left trails of notes to show the way he went. Each trail gives one letter of the frog's name on his collar, to prove the friends found the right frog.

LEARN

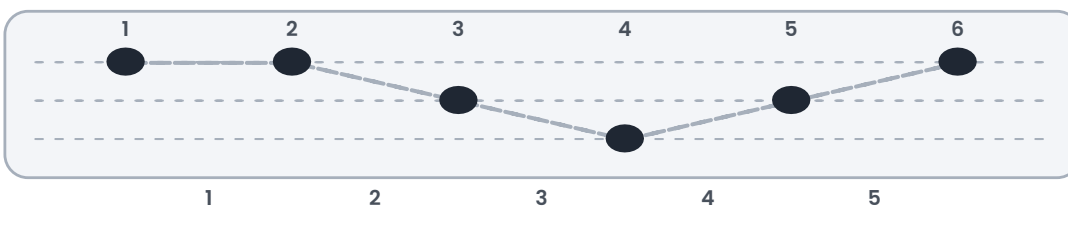
- Look from one note to the next. Move 1 goes from note 1 to note 2.
- Higher means the tune goes up; lower means it goes down.
- The same height means the note repeats.



1 Follow the trail. Write up, down or same for each move.



2 Follow this trail too. Write up, down or same for each move.



Case 1: Up, Down or the Same? (continued)

- 3 On the keys: start on E and go up one key, then up one more. Where do you land? Write the letter.



1. Start on the key marked E. Go up (right) 1 white key, then go up (right) 1 white key.

lands on

CLUE 1

The first letter of the frog's name is where you landed in task 3.

Clue:

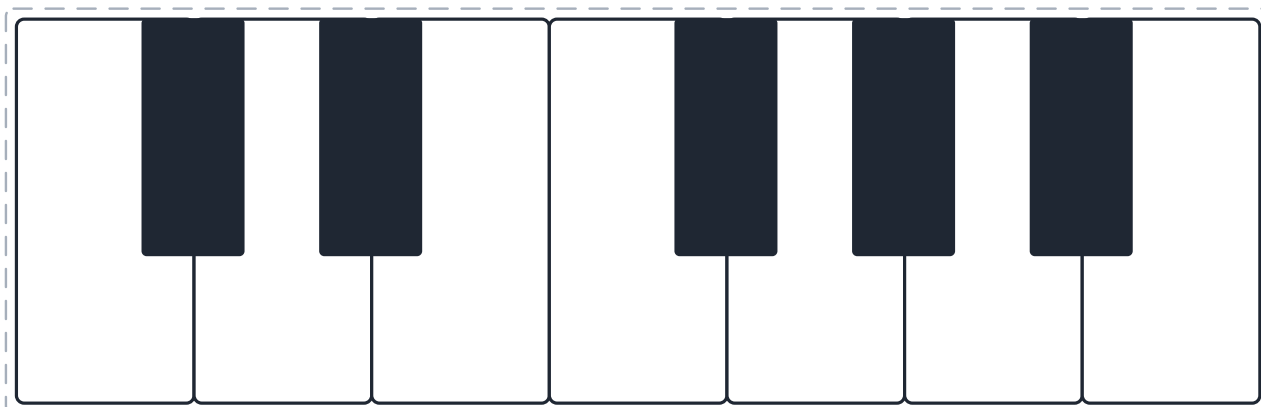
Copy it onto the answer line of the final question.



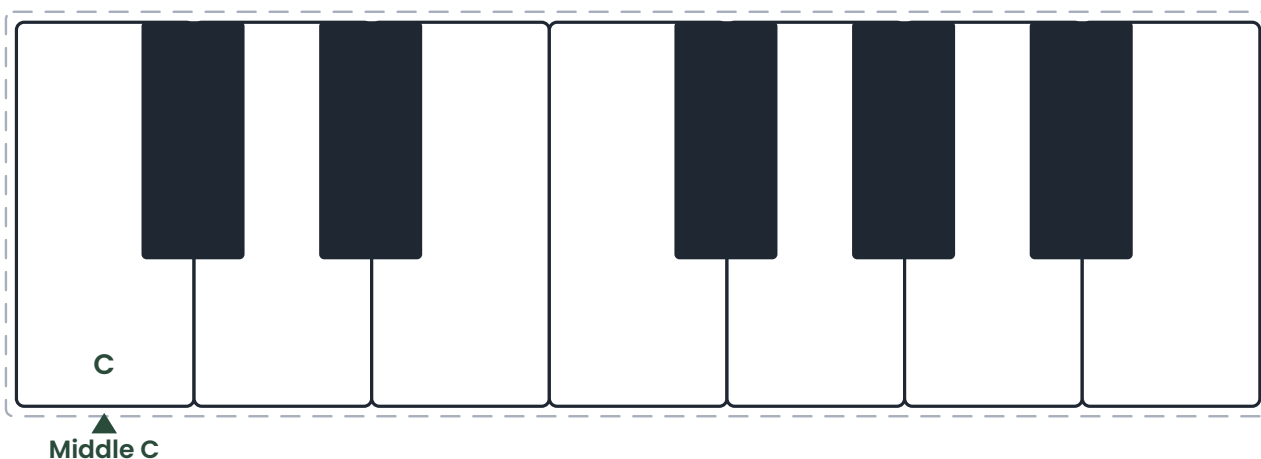
Paper keyboard

Cut out the rows and tape them in order, low to high. White keys are about as wide as a real piano's.

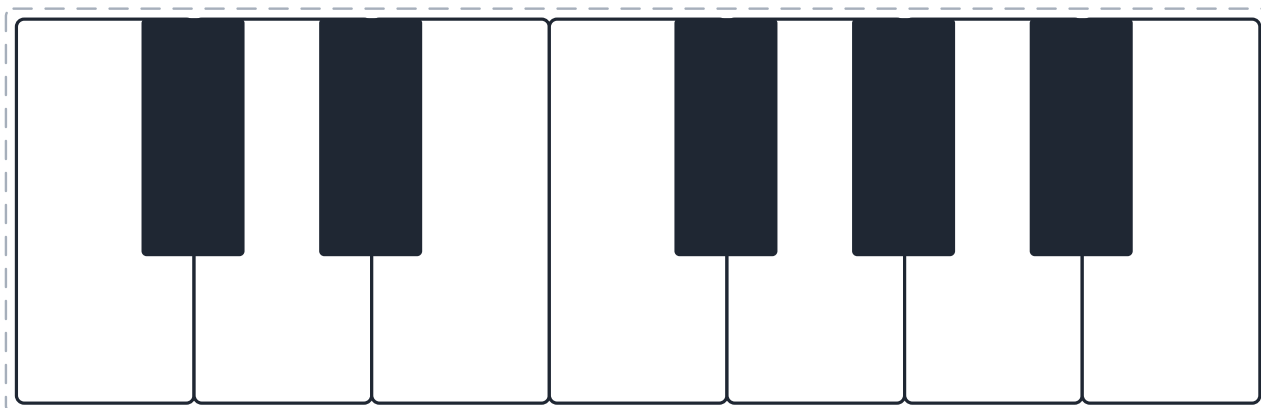
Low



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 · UP, DOWN OR THE SAME?

Task 1

PND03-C1-T1

1 up · 2 up · 3 same · 4 down · 5 down

Note 1 to note 2: higher. Note 2 to note 3: higher. Note 3 to note 4: the same height. Note 4 to note 5: lower. Note 5 to note 6: lower.

Task 2

PND03-C1-T2

1 same · 2 down · 3 down · 4 up · 5 up

Note 1 to note 2: the same height. Note 2 to note 3: lower. Note 3 to note 4: lower. Note 4 to note 5: higher. Note 5 to note 6: higher.

Task 3

PND03-C1-T3

1 G (G4)

From E4: +1, +1 white keys lands on G4.



Clue 1

G (the answer to item 1 of task 3)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Step, Skip & Repeat Trail has three more cases: steps, skips, and hopping the trails on the keys, with a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.