

Piano Note Detective

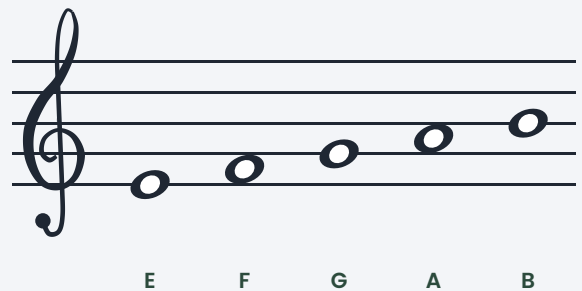
Treble G Landmark Detective

The curl of the treble clef points to G. Use Treble G as a landmark: step and skip from it to F, A, E and B, on the staff and on the keys.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Case 1: the curl of the clef
- Find the false G
- Treble G on the keys
- Paper keyboard and answers



1

Find the G line

2

Step or skip?

3

Name the note

4

Find the key

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · For beginners reading the treble 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 reading the treble staff. Instead of learning every note at once, the detective learns one landmark, Treble G, and finds its neighbors by moving from it: a step to the next line or space, a skip over one. Treble clef only, from Middle C up to B.

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 step goes from a line to the next space, or a space to the next line. A skip goes from a line to the next line, or a space to the next space.
- On the piano a step is the next white key; a skip jumps over one white key.
- Clue 1 is the landmark itself. Clues 2, 3 and 4 spell where the page is.

NOT A METHOD BOOK

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

Case 1: The Curl of the Clef

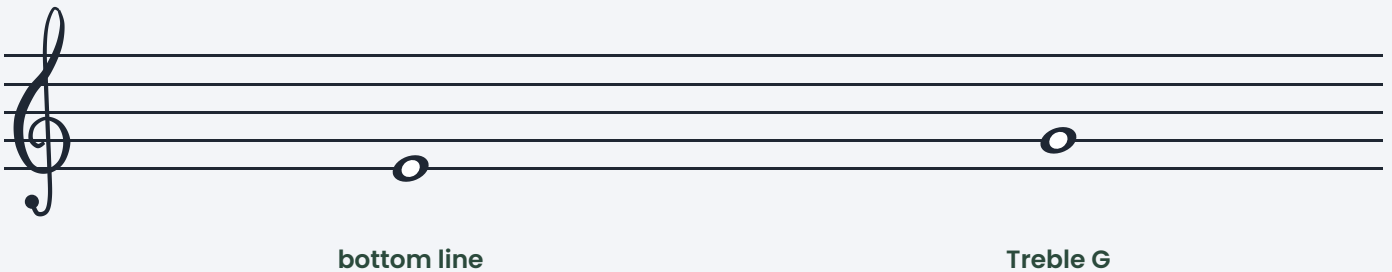
Treble G: the line the clef curls around

THE STORY

The Maple Street garden concert starts at noon. A gust of wind blew the band's music off the stand, and now the pages are scattered and mixed up. Every page has a treble clef, and the curl of every treble clef circles the same line: G. Start there, Detective.

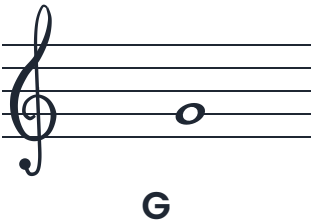
LEARN

- The treble clef curls around the 2nd line from the bottom.
- A note on that line is G. We call it Treble G.
- On the piano, Treble G is the G just above Middle C: count up C, D, E, F, G.

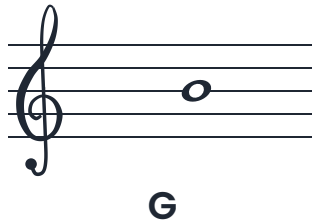


1 Somebody labeled four notes, and one G label is false. Circle it.

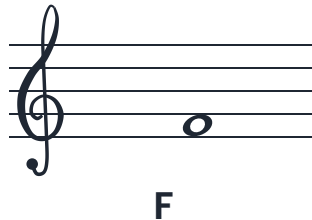
NOTE A



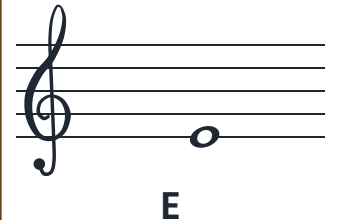
NOTE B



NOTE C



NOTE D



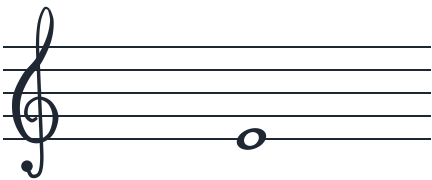
Case 1: The Curl of the Clef (continued)

- 2 A key is marked on the strip. Which staff shows that key?

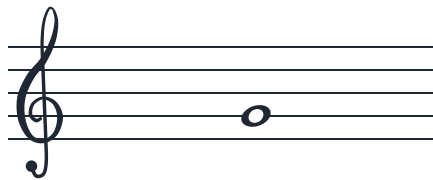


Middle C

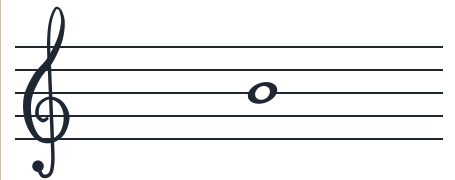
STAFF A



STAFF B



STAFF C



Circle the staff that shows the marked key:

A

B

C

- 3 Find the key and write its letter. Mark it with a star: it is your landmark for the whole case file.



Middle C

- 1 The white key between the 1st and 2nd black keys of a group of three: the nearest one to the right of Middle C.

letter

CLUE 1

The first page found has only one letter on it: the landmark you just found.

Clue:

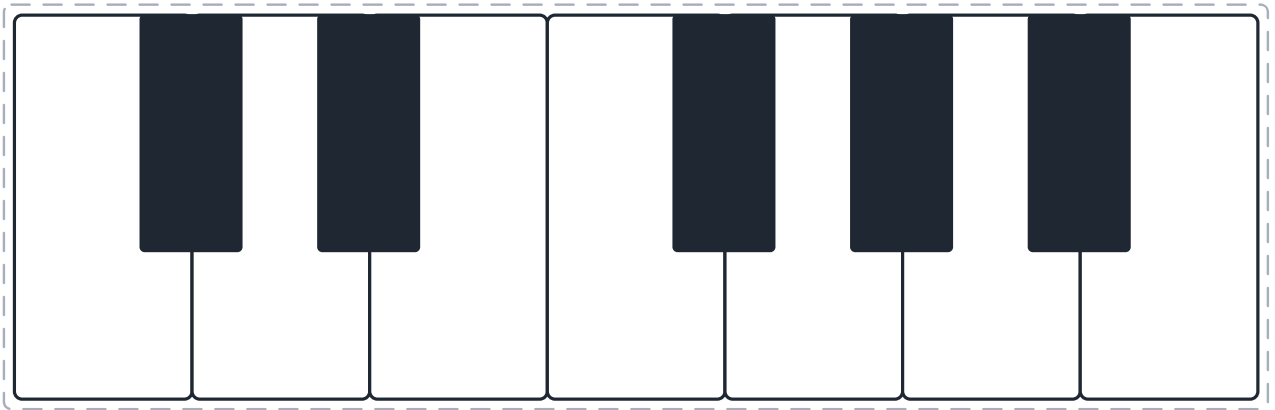
Copy it onto the answer line of the final question.



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.

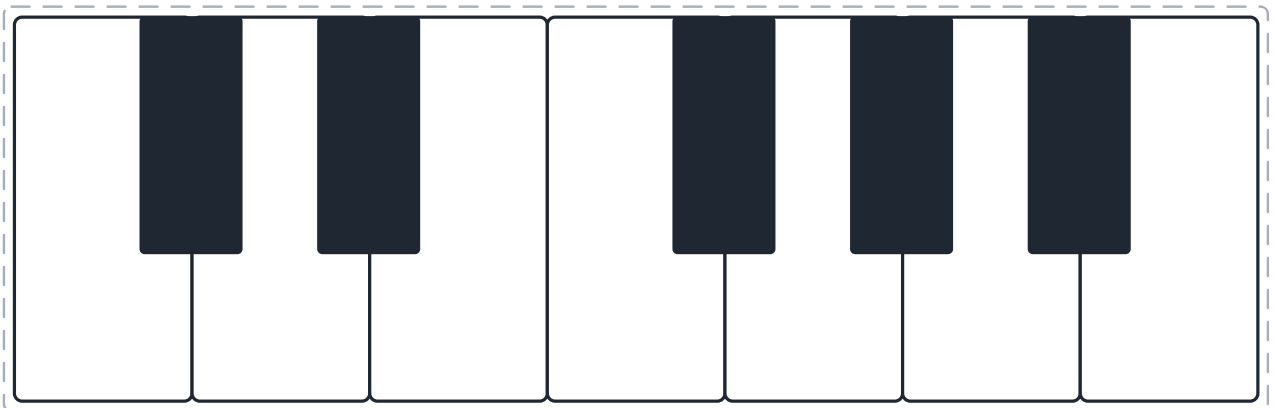
Low



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 CURL OF THE CLEF

Task 1

PND05-C1-T1

Note B is false: it says G, but it is B.

It sits on the treble 3rd line, which is B4.

Task 2

PND05-C1-T2

Staff B

The marked key is G (G4). Staff B shows it on the treble 2nd line. E4 is a different key; B4 is a different key.

Task 3

PND05-C1-T3

1 G (G4)

G is between the 1st and 2nd black keys of a group of three; the nearest one to the right of Middle C is G4.



Clue 1

G (the answer to item 1 of task 3)

THE FULL CASE FILE

The full Treble G Landmark Detective has three more cases: steps to F and A, skips to E and B, and G and its neighbors on the piano, with a notebook, the final question, hints and a certificate.