Lesson 1

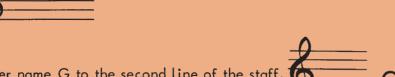
THE STAFF

Music is written on a staff. A sta	aff consists of five lines equally spo	aced.
This is a staff —		
The distance between any two lir a staff.	nes of the staff is called a space. T	here are four spaces in
Lines and spaces are numbered	line 5 -> line 4 -> line 3 -> line 2 -> line 1 ->	<pre>space 4 space 3 space 2 space 1</pre>
In numbering the lines and spaces	s, always begin with the lowest line	e or space and count up.
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(From this dot -> -		to this dot first.)
2. How many lines are there in a	music staff? 5	
3. How many spaces are there in	a music staff?_4_	
4. The top line of the staff is line	e number?	
5. The middle line of the staff is	line number?3	
6. The top space of the staff is sp	pace number ?	
MEMORIZE: A	music staff has five lines and four	spaces.

THE CLEF SIGNS

At the beginning of every staff you will find a clef sign which gives a letter name to a definite line or space.

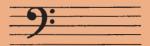
This is a TREBLE, or G clef sign.



The treble, or G clef sign, gives the letter name G to the second line of the staff.



This is a BASS, or F clef sign.



The bass, or F clef sign, gives the letter name F to the fourth line of the staff.



In this Music Theory book we will use both the treble, or G clef sign, and the bass, or F clef sign.

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1. Draw four treble (or G) clef signs here.



2. Draw four bass (or F) clef signs here.



- 3. The treble (or G) clef sign circles staff line number? 2
- 4. What is the letter name of line two in the treble clef?
- 5. In the bass (or F) clef sign, what staff line lies between the two dots?
- 6. What is the letter name of line four in the bass clef? F

MEMORIZE: The treble, or G, clef names the second line of the staff - G. The bass, or F, clef names the fourth line of the staff - F.

MAJOR SCALES

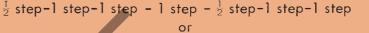
A scale is a succession of tones ascending or descending from a given note to its octave according to a specified pattern.

A major scale consists of two tetrachords with the interval of a whole tone or step between. Therefore, a major scale is a progression of eight notes to the octave, which follows the following pattern:

ASCENDING

DESCENDING

1 step-1 step- $\frac{1}{2}$ step - 1 step - 1 step-1 step- $\frac{1}{2}$ step



This is a major scale starting on C.



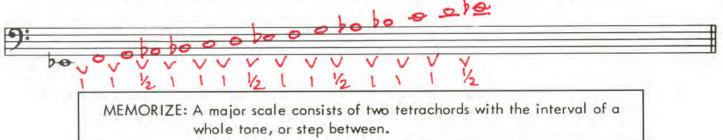
This a major scale starting on D.



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- 1. How many notes are there in a major scale including the octave?
- 2. How many tetrachords are needed to make one major scale?
- 3. Is the interval between tetrachords of a major scale a whole step or half step?
- 4. Write a major scale in two octaves starting on Eb and mark the whole and half steps.



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In Exercises 2, 3, and 4 build major scales ascending and descending, using the proper accidentals. Study example number one first.



Write the major scales ascending and descending for the key signatures shown in Ex.5 and 6.



Build major scales ascending and descending on the following notes and place the correct flats and sharps in the key signature.



Lesson 75 PERFECT AND MAJOR INTERVALS

In Lesson 44 (Book Two) we learned that an interval in music is the distance between two tones with regard to pitch. The interval is from the lower note, which is called the root or key tone, to the upper, including both.

When the interval is a PRIME-FOURTH-FIFTH-OCTAVE and the upper note is in the same key as the root, it is called a PERFECT INTERVAL. (We use the abbreviation Per. to designate a PERFECT INTERVAL). The examples below are all taken from the major scale.

