

BEGINNER PIANO AND KEYBOARD SERIES

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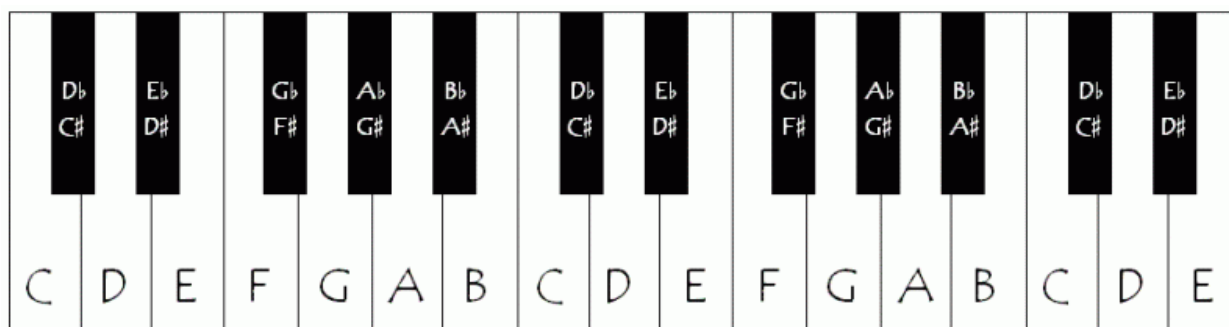
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LESSON 1: KEY NAMES, INTRODUCTION TO SCALES, AND C MAJOR



**The musical alphabet has 7 letters: A B C D E F G.
In this lesson, you will learn the key names from middle C to C,
the C Major Scale, and major chord progressions.**

*Scale Fingerings for C Major

HAND	KEY	FINGERING
Right Hand	C Major	12312341
Left Hand		14321321

*See the Piano Hands Chart on p. 15

The C Major Scale

The C major scale has no sharps or flats. The scale starts on C and ends on C.

For example, C D E F G A B C

Highlight the C Major Scale on the piano chart above.

Now practice playing the C major scale with both your left and right hand.

The C Major Chord: Initial, 1st inversion, and 2nd inversion

*Initial position: C E G 1st inversion: E G C 2nd inversion: G C E

I-IV-V MAJOR CHORD PROGRESSIONS

Right Hand	1- C E G	4- C F A	5- D G B	1- C E G
Left Hand	C	F	G	C
LH Fingering	5	2	1	5

Practice Drill:

For the next lesson, practice naming the white keys, practice playing the C major scale with both hands, practice playing the inversions of the c major chord, and the major chord progressions.

Challenge: Try playing a simple song that includes 1-4-5-1 progressions in C Major.

Points to remember as you go through each lesson:

*The initial position is also known as the "root position" or "root chord".

**You may also double-chord or layer by playing your right hand chords with your left hand.