

Vocal Music Virtual Learning

7/8 Choir Music Literacy Review

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7/8 Choir Lesson: 5/15/2020

Objective/Learning Target:

Key Signature Application and Wrap Up



Warm Up Activity:

What are key signatures used for? (Name 3 things)

What are clefs used for?



Warm Up Activity Answers:

Key signatures tell us what notes are automatically sharp/flat, what key the song is in, and where "Do" is supposed to go.

Clefs help to quickly identify notes in different pitch ranges. Low voices (typically male) often use the Bass Clef, while high in voices typically use the Treble Clef.

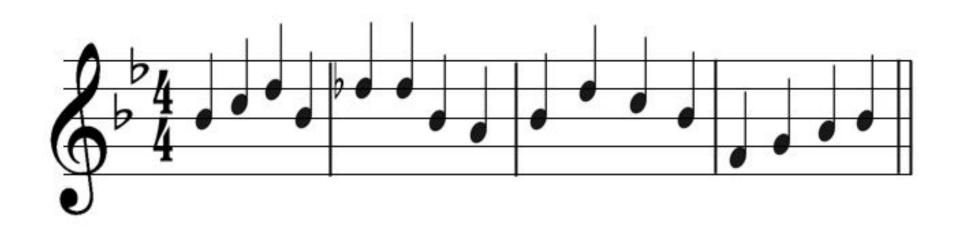


Key Signatures in Practice

Now that you know how to use key signatures, it's time to see them in action. As you just identified in the previous slide, Key Signatures tell you which key a song is in, what note "Do" starts on, and which notes are sharp or flat automatically.

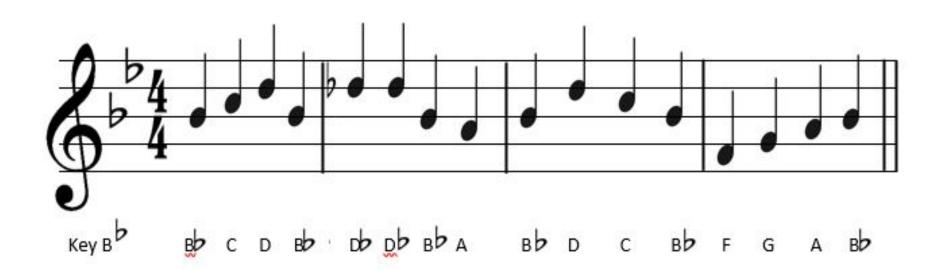


Identify the key, then identify the notes below:



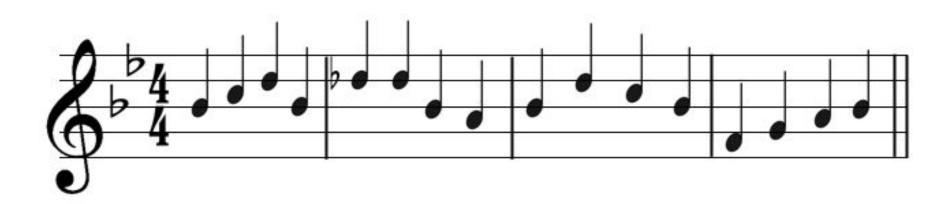


Answers:





Now take the same example, but instead of note names write in solfege (hint: look at the key signature to identify where "Do" is supposed to go, then write in from there)





Answers:



*You may have noticed "Me" listed on the answers, it's not a typo! Due to the extra flat, the solfege syllable changed as well. Don't worry if you didn't get the correct answer, that will be covered later!



Once you have mastered these skills, you are on track for learning how to read music! Understanding how pitches relate to each other in a given segment, as well as how the key signature interacts with the notes in a song. If you feel this is still confusing challenging, keep at it and keep practicing!



Please use the website below to do some extra practice. This time, let's try something more challenging. Go to musictheory.net and select Exercises > Key Signature Construction (it's in the red section instead of the blue). Once you designate all keys in the settings, you should be able to proceed. Instead of giving you the key signature, the site will give you the key and you have to identify the correct number of sharps or flats

Music Theory-Key Signature Practice



Extra Practice:

Teoria is another good site for extra practice. It's pretty comprehensive, and offers in depth knowledge into many music theory topics. The reading music section is helpful for this topic, but there are many other topics to explore.

Teoria Theory Practice