



Guitar Virtual Learning

8th Grade Guitar

Key Signatures and Chords

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Objective/Learning Target:

How to apply key signatures to harmony



Warm Up Activity:

Name the Parts of a Classical Acoustic Guitar

What is the order of sharps? How does the order of flats compare?

Before we proceed, please identify the key signatures below:





Keys and Harmony

The biggest benefit of key signatures when playing a guitar is knowing what notes/chords to play.

When you are in a specific key, there are certain chords and progressions of chords you would play that make it sound like a song.

For example, in the key of C Major (no sharps or flats), a couple common progressions include C major > F major > G major > C major. If you were in a different key, the common progressions would change. This is what makes the songs we listen to sound the way they do.

Lets Practice

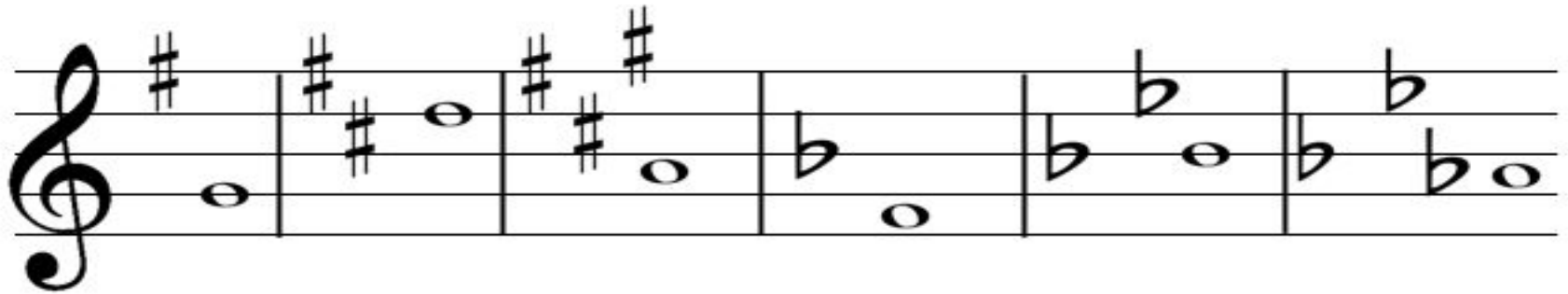
The first one is done for you. Please identify the Key, then indicate where the root is located on the staff.

A musical staff in treble clef with six measures. The first measure contains a G note on the second line with a sharp sign (#) above it. The second measure contains two notes: a sharp sign (#) above the first line and a sharp sign (#) above the second line. The third measure contains two notes: a sharp sign (#) above the first line and a sharp sign (#) above the second line. The fourth measure contains a flat sign (b) below the first line. The fifth measure contains two notes: a flat sign (b) below the first line and a flat sign (b) below the second line. The sixth measure contains two notes: a flat sign (b) below the first line and a flat sign (b) below the second line. Below the staff are six horizontal lines for writing answers, with the letter 'G' written under the first line.

_____ G _____

Below are the keys as well as the line or space that the root is located on

Answers:



___G___

___D___

___A___

___F___

___B_b___

___A_b___



Please don't forget this acronym, it can be helpful for identifying key signatures quickly if the method in the video is too confusing.

Sharps:

Go Dig And Eat Big Fat Clams

Flats:

Frank Brown Eats Apple Dumplings Grandma Cooked

*notice that almost all the flat keys have a "flat" in the name, while most of the sharp keys don't



Please use the website below to do some extra practice. This time, select exercises, then Key Signature Identification. You should be able to add the remaining key signatures in the settings. If you feel comfortable identifying all 15 key signatures, try challenge mode!

[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](#)