



# Music Literacy (scale)

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# Basic Music Literacy

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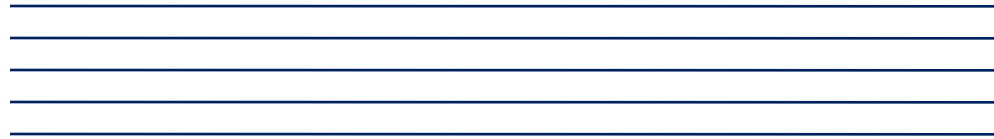
Music literacy is a language used to share music through reading and writing.

This language is written using special symbols that tell you what to play and how to play it.



# Scale

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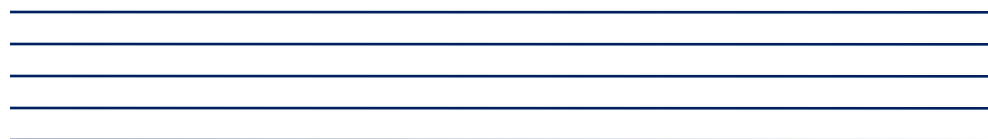
A **scale** is a group of musical notes getting higher or lower in a set order. The distance between each successive note is called a scale step.

The main type of scales are chromatic and diatonic scales.



# Chromatic Scale

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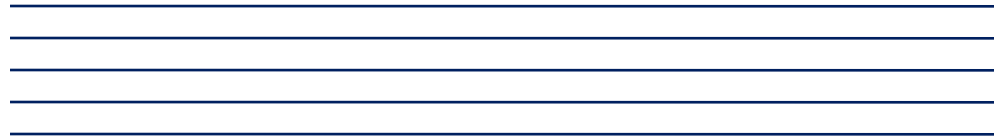
A chromatic scale is a series of twelve notes, each a semitone or half step apart.

C C# D Eb E F F# G Ab A Bb B C



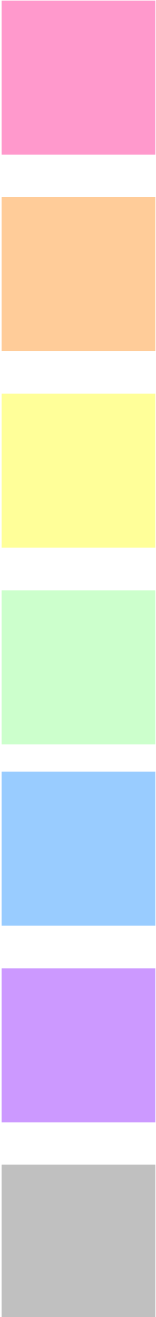
# Diatonic Scale

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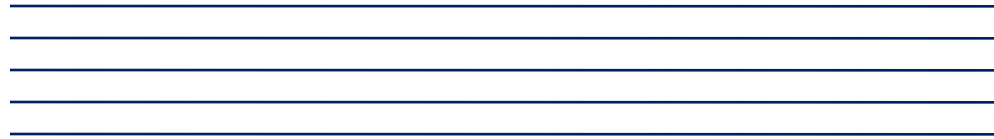
The diatonic scale is a series of seven notes, five whole (w) and two half (h) steps.

C major scale: C-D-E-F-G-A-B-C  
w w h w w w h



# Notes on the Scale

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C - Tonic - the first note of a scale

D - Subtonic

E - Mediant

F - Subdominant

G - Dominant

A - Submediant

B - Leading note



# Key

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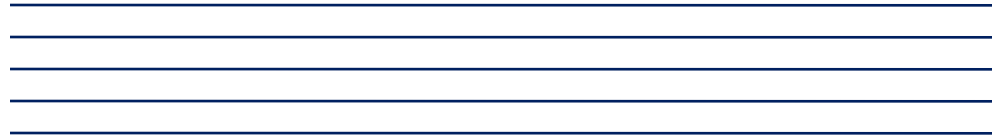
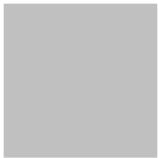
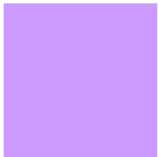
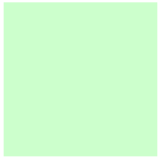
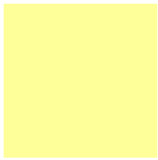
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The key refers to the note on which the scale begins.

C D E F G A B

The key is C.



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