

Chapter 1 – Music Notations and Clefs

Pitch

Musical sounds are named in an ascending order from the first seven letters of the alphabet A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. These represent the same notes at higher or lower level. Pitch is used to describe how high or low a sound is.

The Staff and Music Notations

The five lines and 4 spaces that music is written on is called “Staff”. Another name for this is “Stave”. The plural of “Staff” is stave.



An example of a Staff or Stave for plural.

Each note has to be written on a line or in a space.

A clef helps to identify notes from one another. This is always placed at the beginning of the stave. The two main clefs are Treble and Bass clef.

Treble clef

We use this clef for high pitch notes. There is another name for treble clef. That is G clef. This is because we start it curling around on 2nd line from the



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The Treble Clef (This is line G)

Bass Clef

The Bass clef is used for low pitch notes. We can also call this the F clef. The top of the bass clef is curled. Base clef has two dots either side of the line



where we find F

The Bass Clef

