

**MUSIC THEORY  
ONLINE AND  
DISTANCE LEARNING  
PACK 3**

***WHOLE-STEP AND  
HALF-STEP  
INTERVALS 1***

# Music Theory Explainer *WHOLE-STEP AND HALF-STEP* **INTERVALS**

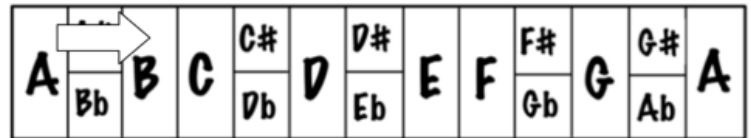
An interval is the difference in pitch between two notes

In order to understand Major and minor scales (which are made up of a sequence of notes either a whole-step or a half-step apart) you need to understand two basic types of interval

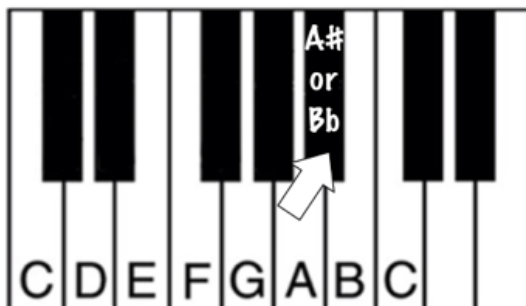
## Whole-step interval



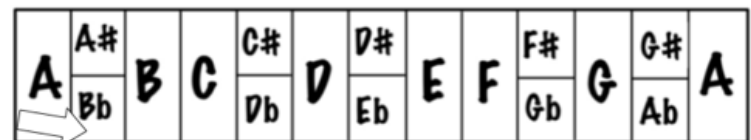
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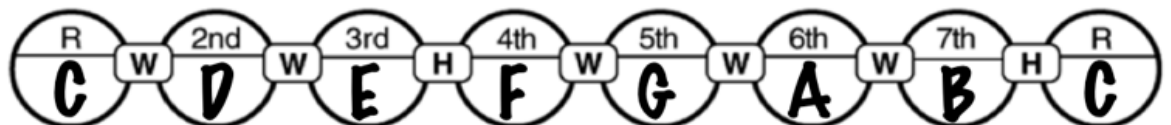


Study the two Major Scales below

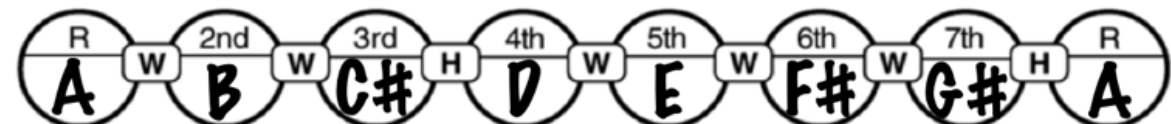
The sequence of whole-step and half-step intervals are defined by the letters "W" and "H" in the boxes between the note names

Use the graphics above to follow how the sequence of intervals creates each scale

C Major Scale



A Major Scale



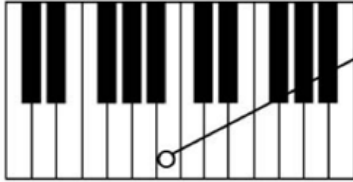
# Half Step Intervals 1

Name

Score

Write the name of the note in the circles provided and then answer the questions to the right

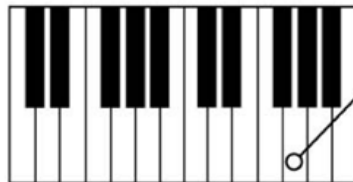
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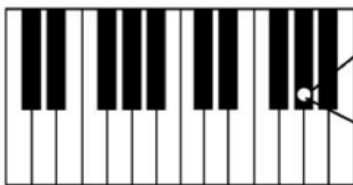
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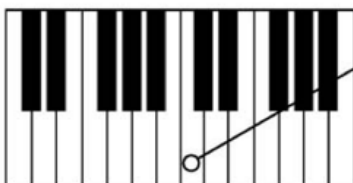
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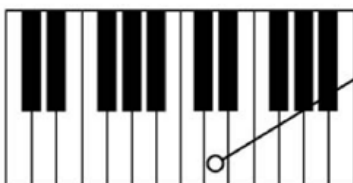
**Q: 4**



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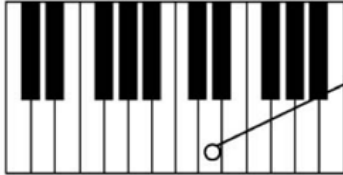
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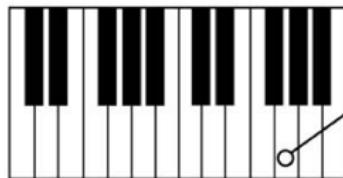
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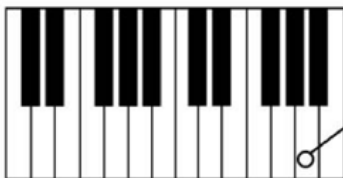
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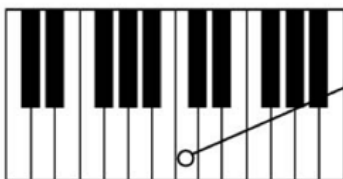
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