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Key Signatures

The key signature is a tool located between the treble clef and time signature that lets musician know what notes will be sharp or flat in the music they are playing.



Order of **SHARPS**:

BEST MNEMONIC DEVICE FOR THE ORDER OF SHARPS:

Order of **FLATS**:

BEST MNEMONIC DEVICE FOR THE ORDER OF FLATS:

SHARPS ON STAFF:



FLATS ON STAFF:



1 Sharp:



2 Flats:



3 Sharps:



4 Sharps:



4 Flats:



5 Sharps:



3 Flats:



6 Flats:



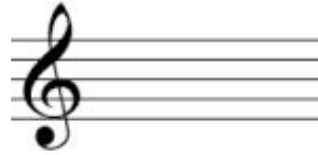
7 Sharps:



2 Flats:



4 Sharps:



5 Sharps:



5 Flats:



7 Sharps:



4 Flats:



2 Flats:



4 Sharps:



1 Flat:



3 Sharps:



7 Sharps:



3 Flats:



2 Sharps:



7 Sharps:



4 Flats:



4 Sharps:



6 Flats:



1 Flat:



5 Sharps:



2 Flats:



4 Sharps:



2 Sharps:



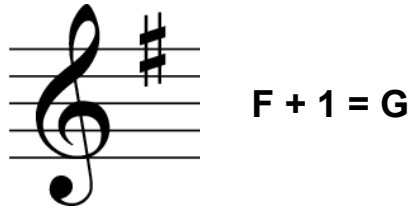
1 Flat:



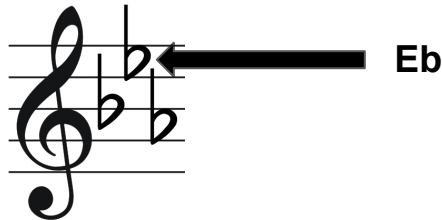
Finding the home key

The home key is the FIRST note in the scale of a key signature.

To find the home key in a sharp key signature, count UP 1 note from the last sharp



To find the home key in a FLAT key signature, go BACKWARDS to the second-to-last flat.



The ONLY exception to this rule is when you have only ONE flat...and that home key is F!



When there is NOTHING in the key signature, all keys are NATURAL and the home key is C



